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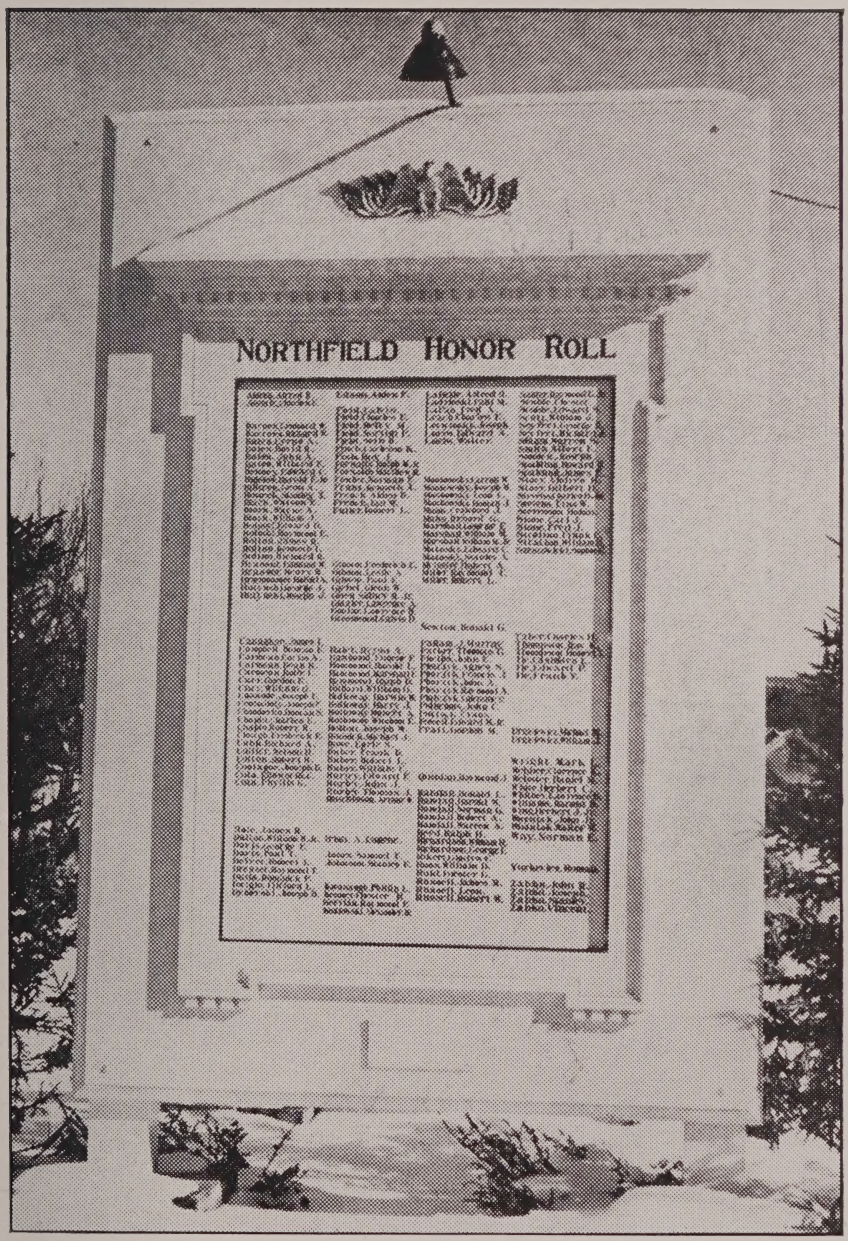

The Northfield Honor Roll

Town Officers

Moderator
William F. Hoehn

Town Clerk
Josephine S. Haskell

Treasurer
Charles F. Slate

Selectmen
Fred A. Holton, Chairman
George W. Carr — F. Myron Dunnell

Assessors

Ernest A. Parker	Term expires 1945
Fred S. Merrifield	Term expires 1946
Clifford A. Field	Term expires 1947

Tax Collector
Charles F. Slate

School Committee

Dorothy L. Miller	Term expires 1945
Sidney H. Given	Term expires 1946
Irving J. Lawrence	Term expires 1947

Library Trustees

Horace H. Morse	Term expires 1945
C. Ina Merriman	Term expires 1945
Robert B. Jack	Term expires 1945
Mary G. Parker	Term expires 1946
Mercy A. Brann	Term expires 1947
Joseph W. Field	Term expires 1947

Cemetery Commissioners

Joseph J. Bartus	Term expires 1945
Carlton W. Holton	Term expires 1946
George N. Kidder	Term expires 1947

Tree Warden
Dean Williams

Constables

Murray M. Hammond — Harry M. Haskell
Herman A. Miner — Martin E. Vorce

Accountant
Fred H. Doolittle

Chief Fire Department
Charles L. Johnson

Superintendent of Roads
Ralph V. Gibson

Gypsy Moth Agent
Frank W. Anderson

Forest Fire Warden
Charles L. Johnson

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Hermon Fisher — Carlton Holton
Edward C. Bolton — Clifford L. Bolton
Charles L. Gilbert — George Barlow
Fred Blanchard — James E. Dresser

Public Weighers

George O. Dunnell — F. Myron Dunnell
Clarence H. Spaulding — Fred B. Kelly
Richard W. Borrows — Joseph Bilmon

Inspection, Meat, Provisions and Slaughtering
Horace W. Bolton

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Dean W. Williams

Cattle Inspector
Arthur H. Bolton

Fence Viewers

Luckey O. Clapp — Edward M. Morgan

Surveyors Wood and Timber

James E. Dresser — Fred I. Bolton

Field Drivers
The Constables

Pound Keeper
Rev. George A. Bronson

Dog Officer
Frank W. Anderson

Registrars of Voters

Harry L. Gingras	Charles L. Gilbert	Charles L. Johnson

Finance Committee

Frank W. Williams	Term expires 1945
A. Gordon Moody	Term expires 1945
C. Percy Goodspeed	Term expires 1946
Ross L. Spencer	Term expires 1946
Helen E McNeil	Term expires 1947
Richard G. Holton	Term expires 1947

REPORT OF THE

Board of Selectmen

The Selectmen of Northfield offer the Town Report as a record of activities during the year 1944, and respectfully urge our citizens to examine the same carefully.

The various departments, committees and officials have performed their work in a satisfactory manner and the town is in a good financial condition. We want to thank all those who have helped, when called upon to do so, in the performance of tasks in behalf of the entire community. We commend the patriotic devotion of our people and extend congratulations for their successes in war drives, campaigns, and all other war efforts requested by our government.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. HOLTON, Chairman
GEORGE W. CARR
F. MYRON DUNNELL

Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

Edward D. Priest and Others—West Northfield Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 3,170.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 7,170.00
On hand December 31, 1944	3,170.00	4,000.00	7,170.00
Receipts of interest			233.71

J. W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1944	2,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of interest		40.20

Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1944	500.00	500.00
Receipts of interest		10.05

Belcher Center School Fund

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 1,050.00	$ 200.00	$ 1,250.00
On hand December 31, 1944	1,050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Receipts of interest			25.93

Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1944	$ 1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of interest			20.10

Lottie Evans Charity Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 697.64	
Interest 1944	14.01	$ 711.65

George F. Morgan Charity Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1944	3,000.00	3,000.00
Receipts of interest		60.30

Surplus Revenue School Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1944	1,600.00	1,600.00
Receipts of interest		32.16

Belcher Library Fund

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 9,439.01	$ 300.00	$ 9,739.01
On hand December 31, 1944	9,439.01	300.00	9,739.01
Receipts of interest			196.76

Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1944	3,000.00	3,000.00
Receipts of interest		60.30

Post-War Rehabilitation Fund

Chapter 5 Acts of 1943

	Cash	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1944	none	none	none
On hand December 31, 1944	$ 154.53	$10,000.00	$10,154.53
Town Appropriation		$10,000.00	
Income 1944		154.53	
			$10,154.53
Securities Purchased		$10,000.00	
Cash in General Treasury, December 31, 1944		154.53	
			$10,154.53

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

On hand January 1, 1944		$10,114.75	$10,114.75
On hand December 31, 1944		10,464.75	10,464.75
Receipts of Interest	$ 203.65		
Receipts of Bequests	350.00		
		$ 553.65	
Deposited in Savings Banks	$ 350.00		
Interest Transferred to Town	203.65		
		$ 553.65	

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Center Cemetery

Augustus W. Holton	$100.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00
John E. Nye	100.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00
George Hastings and Dr. Stratton White	100.00
Hezekiah and Elizabeth Stratton	80.00
Hezekiah and Mollie Stratton	80.00
Rufus and Asenath Stratton	80.00
Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Louis F. Bartlett	100.00
Charles Osgood	300.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00
B. F. Field and Charles Pomeroy	100.00
William R. Moody	100.00
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00
Clara B. Torrey	100.00
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Samuel E. Walker	200.00
J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
M. Margaret Laird	100.00
William H. Phelps	200.00
Rose A. Holton	100.00
C. D. Merriam and C. Hiliard	300.00
Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00
Andrew and Arthur Lyman	400.00
J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Lewis Fowler	50.00
Bessie Severance	100.00
Adeline W. Moody	100.00
Charles Alexander	200.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00
James White	100.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00
Elijar Belding	125.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00
Lucy M. Webster	500.00
Augustus L. Day	100.00
Isaac Cook and Wright Stratton	100.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00
James Pickard	100.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00
Johnson Fund	123.06
Alvin Long	50.00
M. Benus and Otis Field	50.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00
George R. Stebbins	50.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00
John F. Rice	100.00

Mount Hermon Cemetery

L. L. Drury	100.00
Henry F. Cutler	100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00

South Mountain Cemetery

Alice J. Bigelow	100.00

West Northfield Cemetery

George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00

Northfield Farms Cemetery

Ada E. Chamberlain and Sarah Morgan	75.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Elisa Groves	51.69
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Elisha and Elihue Stratton	200.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Asahel and Alner Sawyer	100.00
William H. Stratton	100.00
Larkin Fisher and Frank and Lucy Ross	50.00
James and William Merriam	100.00
Henry W. Montague	200.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
LeRoy Weatherhead	75.00
Oscar and Frank V. Wood	50.00
Rufus Stratton and Oren Darling	150.00
Brigham Gage and David Clows	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00

Report of Tax Collector

Taxes 1942

Outstanding January 1, 1944	$ 6,345.75	
Unlocated difference	.08	
		$ 6,345.83
Payments to Treasurer	$ 6,210.93	
Abatements	22.80	
Tax titles taken	57.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	55.10	
		$ 6,345.83

Taxes 1943

Outstanding January 1, 1944	$12,174.05	
Cash on hand	3.00	
Abatement after payment refunded	3.60	
		$12,180.65
Payments to Treasurer	$ 7,102.33	
Abatements	9.40	
Tax titles taken	55.98	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	5,012.94	
		$12,180.65

Taxes 1944

Commitments per warrants	$67,613.70	
Additional commitments	12.00	
Abatements after payment refunded	49.55	
		$67,675.25
Payments to Treasurer	$55,862.88	
Abatements	1,045.39	
Added to tax titles	185.74	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	10,581.24	
		$67,675.25

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1943

Outstanding January 1, 1944	$ 88.90	
Additional commitment per warrant	6.00	
		$ 94.90
Payments to Treasurer	$ 91.24	
Abatements	3.66	
		$ 94.90

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1944

Commitments per warrants	$ 2,721.78	
Abatement after payment refunded	2.13	
		$ 2,723.91
Payments to Treasurer	$ 2,504.40	
Abatements	41.06	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	178.45	
		$ 2,723.91

Interest and Costs on Taxes

Collections of 1944 Interest:		
Levy of 1942	$ 436.88	
Levy of 1943	172.70	
Levy of 1944	23.39	
		$ 632.97
Motor Vehicle Excise Interest:		
Levy of 1943	$ 1.02	
Levy of 1944	1.34	
		$ 2.36
Costs of Taxes:		
Levy of 1942	$ 16.40	
Levy of 1943	10.65	
Levy of 1944	4.90	
		$ 31.95
Costs of Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1943	$ 8.00	$ 8.00
		$ 675.28
Payments to Treasurer 1944:		
Interest	$ 635.33	
Costs	39.95	
		$ 675.28

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES F. SLATE, Collector of Taxes.

Report of Town Treasurer

Balance January 1, 1944	$ 52,101.49	
Receipts 1944	140,819.42	
		$192,920.91
Payments 1944 per warrants	$143,751.80	
Cemetery Funds deposited per warrants	350.00	
Cash on han dDecember 31, 1944	1,539.38	
Franklin County Trust Co.	47,279.73	
		$192,920.91

Franklin County Trust Co. of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1944 per statement		$ 55,498.24
Outstanding checks December 31, 1944 per list	$ 8,218.51	
Balance December 31, 1944 per check book	47,279.73	
		$ 55,498.24

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE

Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1944, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town, January 1, 1945.

FRED H. DOOLITTLE,
Town Accountant.

ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

Taxes from 1942	$ 6,211.33	
Taxes from 1943	7,102.33	
Taxes from 1944	55,862.88	
		$69,176.54
Tax Title		537.59
Motor Vehicle excise for 1943	91.24	
Motor Vehicle excise for 1944	2,504.40	
		$ 2,595.64
From State:		
Income Tax	$ 8,372.00	
Corporation Tax	4,287.85	
Reimbursement for loss of tax	186.64	
Gax Tax	5,158.40	
		$18,004.39
Licenses	$ 55.00	
Health:		
Pasteurizing	20.00	
		$ 75.00
Dog Licenses	$ 554.60	
Withholding Tax	2,974.30	
Sale of stray dog	2.00	
		$ 3,530.90

From County:		
Dog Fund	$ 498.72	
Court Fines	10.00	
Highway, Chapter 90	500.00	
		$ 1,008.72
From State:		
Highways, Chapter 81, 1943	$ 161.49	
Highways, Chapter 81, 1944	7,079.25	
Highways, Chapter 90, 1944	500.00	
		$ 7,740.74
Mass. School Fund	5,865.85	
Union Superintendent	676.67	
Vocational Education	145.00	
Inspection of Animals	42.50	
Meal Tax	577.70	
		$ 7,307.72

Protection of Persons and Property

Sealer's Fees	$ 48.91	
Fire Department and Truck	96.10	
		$ 145.01

Health

Nurse Fees	$ 137.50

Charities

State Temporary Aid	$ 594.53	
State, A.D.C.	413.42	
State, O.A.A.	10,775.94	
U. S. Grant, O.A.A.	11,719.75	
U. S. Grant, O.A.A. Administrator	390.59	
U. S. Grant, A.D.C. Administrator	8.88	
U. S. Grant, A.D.C.	617.00	
		$24,520.11

Schools

Tuition and Transportation	$ 270.20	$ 270.20

Unclassified

Collector's Fees	$ 39.60	
Rent of Town Hall	332.00	
Rent of Alexander Hall	3.00	
Library Fines	68.54	
Machinery Acct. Trucks, etc.	2,715.50	
Sale of Junk	40.07	
Sale of Northfield History	15.00	
Sale of Observation Building	10.00	
Recording Deed	2.00	
Tailings	6.35	
Youth Hostel	150.00	
		$ 3,380.06

Interest

Interest on		
Deferred Taxes	$ 635.28	
George F. Morgan Fund	60.30	
Elisha Alexander Fund	40.40	
Lottie Evans Fund	14.01	
Surplus Revenue	32.16	
Belcher School Fund	25.93	
Cemetery Funds (Treasurer)	257.92	
Cemetery Funds (Selectmen)	6.06	
Cemetery Fund (Stearns)	10.05	
Cemetery Fund (West Northfield)	239.74	
Library Fund	196.76	
C. P. Dickinson Fund	60.30	
Post-War Fund (U. S. Bonds)	154.53	
		$ 1,733.44

Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Funds	$ 350.00	
Sale of Lots	256.00	
Care of Lots	5.00	
		$ 611.00

Refunds

Schools	$ 8.05	
O. A. A.	33.34	
Alexander Hall	3.45	
U. S. Bonds	.02	
		$ 44.86
Total Receipts for 1944		$140,819.42
Cash on Hand January 1, 1944		52,101.49
		$192,920.91

EXPENDITURES

Town Hall

Appropriation		$ 1,600.00
Payments		
Carl Mason	$ 315.00	
H. M. Haskell	225.00	
Western Electric Co.	172.92	
F. M. Dunnell	642.45	
Northfield Water Co.	28.18	
Franklin Co. Lumber Co.	15.06	
Leavis & Bolton	24.85	
Sidney Tyler	2.90	
J. Alfred Way	5.00	
Northfield Pharmacy	2.82	
W. D. Miller	6.70	

Albert J. Anderson	1.75	
Frank Anderson	7.00	
Henry W. Hammond	3.75	
H. L. McCullough	3.00	
Com. of Public Safety	5.00	
C. L. Johnson	3.75	
Avery's Store	5.98	
F. A. Irish	7.48	
	$ 1,478.59	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	121.41	
		$ 1,600.00

Selectmen

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Payments		
Fred A. Holton	200.00	
George W. Carr	200.00	
F. M. Dunnell	200.00	
		$ 600.00

Selectmen's Expense Account

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	$ 12.95	
F. A. Holton	2.00	
S. E. Walker	7.07	
Franklin Co. Selectmen's Association	9.00	
Inspection of Buildings	6.00	
Northfield Press	1.00	
	37.32	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	62.68	
		$ 100.00

Moderator and Counsel

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Payments		
William F. Hoehn	$ 10.00	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett	156.58	
	166.58	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	83.42	
		$ 250.00

Tax Collector

Appropriation, salary	$ 400.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	100.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer	25.00	
Total Credits		$ 525.00
Payments		
Charles F. Slate	$ 400.00	
Hobbs & Warren	50.16	
Merritt C. Skilton	51.48	
Northfield Press	5.50	
C. F. Slate	4.00	
Read-Shaw Agency	5.00	
	516.14	
Unexended Balance to Overlay Reserve	8.86	
		$ 525.00

Treasurer

Appropriation, salary	$ 600.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	100.00	
Total Credits		$ 700.00
Payments		
Franklin Co. Trust Co.	$ 9.89	
Charles F. Slate	612.72	
Merritt C. Skilton	63.70	
	686.31	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	13.69	
		$ 700.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation, salary	$ 250.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	40.00	
Total Credits		$ 290.00
Payments		
Josephine S. Haskell	$ 250.00	
Minott's Press	11.50	
Hobb's & Warren	1.15	
Josephine S. Haskell	20.40	
	283.05	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	6.95	
		$ 290.00

Election and Registration

Appropriation	500.00	
Appropriation, by transfer	85.84	
Total credits		$ 585.84
Payments		
Registration officers	$ 300.00	
Election officers	210.00	
Northfield Press	53.75	
Josephine F. Haskell	16.22	
Robinson Seal Co.	5.87	
		$ 585.84

Assessors and Clerk

Appropriation, salary	$ 600.00	
Appropriation, Expense account	50.00	
Total Credits		$ 650.00
Payments		
Fred I. Bolton	$ 15.00	
Fred S. Merrifield	150.00	
Ernest A. Parker	300.00	
Clifford A. Field	135.00	
Hobbs & Warren	3.41	
Mass. Assessors Association	6.00	
Ernest A. Parker	6.00	
	6.15.41	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	34.59	
		$ 650.00

Accountant

Appropriation, salary	$ 600.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	35.00	
Total Credits		$ 635.00
Payments		
F. H. Doolittle	$ 600.00	
F. H. Doolittle, postage, etc.	6.45	
Commonwealth of Mass.	15.84	
C. H. Demond	1.65	
	623.94	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	11.06	
		$ 635.00

Fire Department

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Payments		
Colton's Insurance Agency	$ 164.47	
Morgan's Garage	108.98	
American LaFrance Co.	165.59	
James R. Shea	40.00	
E. M. Gulow Co.	57.25	
Mass. Fire Equipment Co.	15.00	
F. M. Dunnell	125.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	62.24	
S. Allen & Sons	1.57	
Franklin Co. Lumber Co.	3.84	
G. C. Buffam	2.09	
Grass Fires	1.50	
F. A. Irish	8.15	
C. L. Johnson	250.60	
Clifford Bolton	25.00	
Edward Bolton	67.50	
Fred Bolton	14.00	
Norman Bolton	3.00	
Roy Barrows	14.50	
Charles Browning, Jr.	60.50	
G. W. Carr	4.50	
Gene Cullam	2.50	
F. M. Dunnell	9.75	
F. M. Dunnell, Jr.	3.00	
Andrew Gray	30.00	
Alfred Holton	16.50	
Carleton Holton	4.00	
Gilbert Hammond	2.50	
George Lombard	39.00	
Willis Parker	9.00	
Francis Reed	19.00	
George Sheldon	6.00	
Lee Sheldon	7.00	
Harrison Stacy	41.00	
Donald Truesdale	4.50	
Verne Ware	16.00	
Leo Zabko	2.50	
Sundry Persons	80.50	
	1,489.02	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	210.98	
		$ 1,700.00

Water Holes

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
C. L. Johnson	$ 12.00	
Frank Anderson	29.40	
Kenneth Ruhl	14.30	
	55.70	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	44.30	
		$ 100.00

Forest Patrol

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
Charles L. Gilbert	$ 86.45	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	13.55	
		$ 100.00

Hydrant Service

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Payments		
Northfield Water Co.	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Constable Pay

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Payments		
H. M. Haskell	34.50	
M. E. Vorce	68.60	
M. M. Hammond	9.65	
Hermon A. Miner	14.40	
Irwin Hale	3.90	
Joseph Morgan	3.25	
Leon Whitmore	5.80	
Richard Hiller	6.50	
J. E. Ross	3.25	
	149.85	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	50.15	
		$ 200.00

Inspection of Animals

Appropriation		$ 125.00
Arthur Bolton	$ 42.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	82.50	
		$ 125.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Payments		
Robinson Seal Co.	7.28	
Dean W. Williams	125.00	
	132.28	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	17.72	
		$ 150.00

Inspector of Meat and Slaughter

Appropriation	$ 150.00	
Appropriation by transfer	100.00	
Total Credits		$ 250.00
Payments		
Horace Bolton	$ 208.50	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	41.50	
		$ 250.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Payments		
A. P. Fitt, Liability	$ 348.16	
A. P. Fitt, Fire	725.98	
	$ 1,074.14	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	125.86	
		$ 1,200.00

Gypsy Moth

Appropriation		$ 825.00
Payments		
Frank Anderson	$ 260.60	
Calvin Kenney	112.20	
Paul Gorgorcoski	45.00	
Stevan Matosky	87.80	
Fred Luciw	40.20	
Victor Sherwood	50.80	
Darwin Halloway	35.10	
Shirley Halloway	29.90	
Irving Walker	10.40	
Norman Bolton	24.00	
	696.00	

Frank Anderson, truck	110.80	
	806.80	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	18.20	
		$ 825.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$ 75.00
Payments		
Dean W. Williams	$ 11,62	
Weldon Campbell	31.35	
	42.97	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	32.03	
		$ 75.00

Planting and Care of Trees

Appropriation from 1943		$ 121.34
Unexpended Balance to 1945	$ 121.34	$ 121.34

Defense

(Ration Board)

Appropriation		$ 125.00
Payments		
Priscilla Abbott	$ 95.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	15.05	
Post Office Box	1.80	
H. C. Demond	6.95	
Evelyn Parker	2.00	
Northfield Seminary	.45	
Northfield Pharmancy	.40	
Avery's Store	.75	
	122.40	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	2.60	
		$ 125.00

Defense Committee

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Payments		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	$ 45.60	
Tin Collection	70.85	
Northfield Seminary	1.09	
G. C. Buffam	1.05	
Mrs. Frank Montague	.79	
	119.38	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	80.62	
		$ 200.00

Honor Roll

Appropriation		
Balance from 1943	$ 201.00	
By Transfer	165.00	
Total Credits		$ 366.00
Payments		
Alfred Holton	$ 22.52	
Leavis & Bolton	77.45	
E. L. Hildreth	25.00	
Max W. Huber	79.00	
Aiken Nursery	100.00	
Frank Anderson	50.00	
	353.97	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	12.03	
		$ 366.00

Tax Title Foreclosure

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Payment		
Charles F. Slate	$ 7.51	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	42.49	
		$ 50.00

Nurse

Appropriation	$ 1,400.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	150.00	
Total Credits		$ 1,550.00
Payments		
Mrs. Dean W. Williams	$ 1,050.88	
Euphrasia Purrington	465.00	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	1;515.88	
	34.12	
		$ 1,550.00

Community Nurse

(Expense)

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Payments		
Northfield Pharmacy	12.32	
Mrs. Dean Williams	2.00	
Miss Purrington	1.29	
Johnson & Johnson	6.25	

Mrs. Henry Johnson	2.00	
Mead & Wheeler	1.27	
Dr. F. Wilton Dean	3.42	
New England Tel. & Tel.	.30	
	28.85	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	21.15	
		$ 50.00

Health

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Payments		
Johnson & Johnson	3.00	
Dr. R. G. Holton	20.00	
Dr. F. Wilton Dean	25.00	
Dr. John S. Olson	50.00	
Frank Anderson	3.00	
Josephine S. Haskell (Vital Statistics)	68.50	
	169.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	80.50	
		$ 250.00

Highways—Chapter 81

Appropriation	$ 4,063.00	
Appropriation, State contract	8,126.00	
Total		$12,189.00
Payments		
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 1,109.48	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	691.95	
Ernest Kenney	713.55	
Frank Brassor	370.05	
Robert Strange	699.90	
Milo Slaght	98.35	
Ignac Billman	661.90	
John Greenwood	100.65	
Kenneth Ruhl	200.90	
Robert Bently	5.20	
Leon Randall	715.95	
Herbert Black	775.55	
		$ 6,160.43

Trucks and Machinery

Town truck #3	725.25
Town truck #4	772.50
Town Sanding Machine	32.50
Town Scraper	100.25

Signs	72.35	
Herman Fisher, tractor	167.20	
Herman Fisher, truck	115.20	
Frank Anderson, truck	147.00	
		$ 2,132.25

Materials

Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	$ 1,418.72	
A. H. Farnum	8.70	
J. L. Dunnell & Son	38.25	
Evans Bros.	24.00	
Frank W. Hance	19.40	
H. W. Taylor	27.57	
State Prison	120.00	
Boston & Maine R. R.	7.30	
American Tar Co.	1,587.48	
The Lake Asphalt Co.	643.90	
	3,895.32	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.00	
		$12,189.00

Chapter 81 Road Expenditures

1 Warwick Avenue	$ 47.60	
2 Warwick Road	221.33	
3 Commonwealth Avenue	175.80	
4 Erving or Gulf Road	1,530.40	
5 Murdock Hill Road	49.00	
6 Swamp Road	31.80	
7 Orange Road	409.90	
8 Mt. Hermon State Road	787.52	
9 East Northfield Road Branch	0.00	
10 East Northfield Road	525.70	
11 Pine Street	246.20	
12 Winchester Road	69.24	
13 Pierson Road	87.05	
14 Discontinued now State Highway	0.00	
15 Ashuelot Road	22.24	
16 Moody Street	40.44	
17 Birnam Road	478.23	
18 Holton Street	60.20	
19 Highland Avenue	39.35	
20 Caldwell Road	353.35	
21 River Road	96.80	
22 Randall Road	11.00	
23 Vernon Road	270.83	
24 Parker Street	86.20	

25	Great Meadow Road	69.40
26	Meadow Street	142.70
27	Bridge Street	133.30
28	Mill Street	60.87
29	School Street	167.80
30	St Mary's Street	191.49
31	Alexander Hill Road	179.70
32	Pratt Hollow Road	0.00
33	Maple Street	70.17
34	Beers Plain Road	434.17
35	New Road	23.40
36	Old Wendell Road	379.20
37	Lyman Road	111.00
38	Lucky Clapp Road	36.60
39	South Mt. Road	701.90
40	Fisher Road	76.80
41	Four Mile Brook Road	392.20
42	Gill Road	10.00
43	Pine Meadow Road	983.36
44	Old Millers Falls Road	0.00
45	Cross Road	331.50
47	East Street	267.18
48	Northfield Farms Road	437.18
49	Sturbridge Road	0.00
50	Dickinson Street	0.00
51	Bennett Brook Road	216.46
52	Glenwood Avenue	135.23
53	Munns Ferry Road	68.75
54	Myrtle Street	14.00
55	North Lane	60.04
56	Aldrich Street	101.35
57	Howard Street	54.37
58	Prospect Hill	0.00
59	State Road	49.40
60	Jewett Road	12.40
61	Gerrish Road	19.00
62	South Mountain Road Branch	132.05
63	Linden Avenue	22.60
64	Adams Road	0.00
65	Holly Avenue	28.80
66	Rustic Way	217.10
67	Old Ferry Road	36.50
	Signs	116.65
		$12,188.00

Allotments

State	$ 8,125.00
Town	4,063.00
	$12,188.00

Highways—Chapter 90

Appropriation, Town Share		$ 500.00	
Appropriation, State Share		500.00	
Appropriation, County Share		500.00	
Total Credits			$ 1,500.00

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 77.00		
Labor:			
Henry Bassett	55.25		
Ernest Kenney	29.25		
Frank Brassor	11.05		
Robert Strange	50.05		
Ignac Billman	44.20		
John Greenwood	5.20		
Leon Randall	31.85		
Herbert Black	21.45		
		$ 330.50	

Trucks and Materials

Town Truck #3	$ 21.75		
Town Truck #4	15.75		
Sanding Machine	8.50		
Frank Anderson, truck	22.40		
Herman Fisher, truck	27.20		
		$ 95.60	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	$ 123.47		
American Tar Co.	604.35		
H. W. Taylor	346.08		
		$ 1,073.90	
			$ 1,500.00

Highway Tools

Appropriation		$ 100.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer		1.89	
Total Credits			$ 101.89

Payments

Unitarian Society	$ 50.00	
Frank W. Hance	36.91	
W. D. Miller	10.60	
Avery's Store	4.38	
		$ 101.89

Snow Removal

Appropriation	$ 3,500.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer	463.50	
Total Credits		$ 3,963.50

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 514.00	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	340.00	
Francis Fisher	8.75	
Ignac Billman	5.20	
H. Randall	2.40	
Frank Brassor	4.80	
Ernest Kenney	147.00	
Robert Strange	15.20	
Leon Randall	337.15	
Herbert Black	380.90	
		$ 1,752.40

Trucks and Supplies

Town Truck #3	$ 329.50	
Town Truck #4	381.75	
Sanding Machine	72.75	
Herman Fisher, plowing	77.45	
Herbert Black, plowing	24.75	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	146.00	
Spencer Bros. (walks)	48.00	
Spencer Bros. garage	29.95	
Morgan's Garage	212.82	
Stearn's Garage	108.24	
G. C. Buffam	6.21	
W. D. Miller	.82	
International Salt Co.	164.40	
The Chemical Corp.	65.03	
Allied Steel Co.	129.05	
Federal Steel Co.	319.99	
Consolidated Steel Syndicate	76.39	
R. L. Files and H. J. O'Keefe Co.	18.00	
		$ 2,211.10
		$ 3,963.50

Street Lights

Appropriation			$ 2,971.56
Payments			
Western Mass. Electric Co.		$ 2,971.56	$ 2,971.56

Bridge Repairs

Appropriation			$ 600.00
Payments			
R. V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 54.00		
Henry Bassett	29.90		
Frank Brassor	13.00		
Robert Strange	13.65		
Ernest Kinney	23.40		
Ignac Billman	13.00		
Leon Randall	34.45		
Herbert Black	28.60		
		$ 210.00	
Trucks and Supplies			
Town Truck #3	$ 22.50		
Town Truck #4	19.50		
Evans Bros.	2.50		
Frank R. Nance	5.20		
G. K. Watson	150.42		
Tenney & Smead	141.46		
Northfield Seminary	2.25		
		$ 343.83	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		46.17	
			$ 600.00

Railings

Appropriation			$ 300.00
Payments			
Ralph V. Gibson, Sup'r	$ 61.00		
Henry Bassett	41.60		
Frank Brassor	5.20		
Ignac Billman	28.80		
Ernest Kenney	23.40		
Robert Strange	15.60		
Leon Randall	41.60		
Herbert Black	13.65		
		$ 222.85	

Trucks and Supplies

Town Truck #3	$ 15.75		
Town Truck #4	5.25		
Evans Bros.	2.57		
W. D. Miller	5.99		
G. N .Kidder	16.07		
R. V. Gibson, posts	30.10		
Frank W. Hance	1.40		
		$ 77.13	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		.02	
			$ 300.00

Road Machinery Fund

Appropriation from Machinery Acct.			$ 1,800.00
Payments			
Morgan's Garage		$ 768.45	
Stearn's Garage		340.18	
Spencer Bros.		97.30	
Colton's Ins. Agency		101.60	
Federal Tool & Steel Co.		126.16	
Leon Randall		54.60	
Herbert Black		32.50	
		$ 1,520.79	
Unexpended Balance to Machinery Acct.		279.21	
			$ 1,800.00

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 5,000.00	
Appropriation by Transfer		450.00	
Total Credits			$ 5,450.00
Payments			
Total payments as per detail of Clerk's Report		$ 5,349.72	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve		100.28	
			$ 5,450.00

Public Welfare Clerk

Appropriation			$ 150.00
Payment			
George W. Carr		$ 150.00	
			$ 150.00

Aid to Dependent Children

Payment

Total Payment as per Detailed Report	$ 884.90	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	115.10	
		$ 1,000.00

Aid to Dependent Children

(U. S. Grant)

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	$ 11.79	
Appropriation Received in 1944	723.12	
Total Credits		$ 734.91

Payments

Total Payments	$ 729.50	
Balance to 1945	5.41	
		$ 734.91

A.D.C. and O.A.A. Clerk

Appropriation		$ 300.00

Payments

George W. Carr	$ 17.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	282.50	
		$ 300.00

A.D.C. Administrator

(U. S. Grant)

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	$ 4.74	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	8.88	
Total Credits		$ 13.62

Payments

George W. Carr	$ 12.50	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	1.12	
		$ 13.62

O.A.A. Administrator

(U. S. Grant)

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	$ 112.76	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	390.59	
Total Credits		$ 503.35

Payments		
G. W. Carr	$ 300.00	
C. H. Demond	37.25	
G. W. Carr	7.27	
The Bookstore	.40	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	14.45	
	359.37	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	143.98	
		$ 503.35

O.A.A. (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	$ 173.66	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	11,719.75	
Total Credits		$11,893.41
Payments		
Total Payment	$11,893.41	$11,893.41
(Detail in Clerks' Report)		

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	$ 8,000.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer, E. & D.	8,000.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer, E. & D.	1,500.00	
Total Credits		$17,500.00
Payments		
Total Payments	$16,748.38	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	751.62	
		$17,500.00

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Payments		
Total Payments	$ 410.93	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	789.07	
		$ 1,200.00

George F. Morgan Fund

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	$ 65.18	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	60.30	
Total Credits		$ 125.48
Payments		
Total Payments	$ 63.85	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	61.63	
		$ 125.48

Elisha Alexander Fund

Appropriation from 1943		$ 40.56	
Appropriation, Received in 1944		40.40	
Total Credits		$ 80.96	
Payments			
Unexpended Balance to 1945			$ 80.96

Schools

Appropriation		$37,500.00	
Appropriation for Special Fuel		845.00	
Total Credit			$38,345.00
Payments			
Total Payments		$38,297.28	
Detail in School Report			
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		47.72	
			$38,345.00

School Committee

Appropriation			$ 150.00
Payments			
Sidney Given		$ 50.00	
Mrs. Dorothy Miller		50.00	
Irving J. Lawrence		50.00	
			$ 150.00

Oiling School Road

Appropriation			$ 400.00
Payments			
Ralph V. Gibson, Sup'r.	$ 29.00		
Henry Bassett	16.25		
Frank Brassor	5.85		
Ernest Kinney	11.05		
Robert Strange	3.25		
Ignac Billman	3.25		
Kenneth Ruhl	3.25		
Leon Randall	8.45		
Herbert Black	11.05		
		$ 91.40	
Town Truck #3	9.75		
Town Truck #4	12.75		
Town Sander	4.50		
Town Scraper	1.00		
Mrs. A. H. Farnum (Gravel)	4.20		
Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel	13.60		
American Tar Co.	254.61		
		$ 300.41	
		391.81	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		8.19	
			$ 400.00

School Fuel

Appropriation		$ 845.00
Payment		
By Transfer to School Account	$ 845.00	
		$ 845.00

Belcher Center School Fund

Appropriation from 1943	$ 105.55	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	25.93	
Total Credit		$ 131.48
Payments		
Cinema Inc.	$ 131.48	$ 131.48

Library

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Payments		
Jean V. Geibel	$ 835.00	
Mrs. Austin Phelps	163.12	
Miss Ruth Parker	2.47	
Miss Lucy Evelith	19.73	
Carl Mason	150.00	
Frank P. Britton	145.00	
F. M. Dunnell	231.41	
Northfield Water Co.	6.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	49.47	
Max W. Huber	149.00	
Leavis & Bolton	167.11	
The H. R. Huntting Co.	155.33	
The Springfield News	71.36	
Book of the Month Club	28.58	
Barrett & Baker	25.80	
C. R. Finch	41.55	
E. L. Hildreth	20.00	
J. Wesby & Sons	36.91	
Durico Library Supply Co.	25.80	
Gaylord Bros. Inc.	2.85	
Northfield Schools	7.20	
Yale University Press	15.62	
Jordan Marsh Co.	4.95	
Clark Hardware	1.75	
W. D. Miller	7.43	
Barber's I. G. A. Store	.70	
Henry W. Hammond	9.85	
C. L. Johnson	1.50	
Northfield Pharmacy	.49	

F. A. Irish	.38	
Valley Vista Inn	2.65	
Frank Anderson	9.50	
Cash Expense	5.00	
	$2,396.62	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	103.38	
		$ 2,500.00

Library Funds

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	$ 3.37	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	196.76	
Total Credits		$ 200.13
Payments		
Jean V. Geibell	$ 100.00	
Carl Mason	25.00	
Mrs. Austin Phelps	10.40	
The H. R. Huntting Co.	22.76	
The Springfield News	10.36	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	11.07	
Northfield Water Co.	6.00	
Barber's I.G.A. Store	.50	
	186.09	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	14.04	
		$ 200.13

C. P. Dickinson Book Fund

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	$ 2.64	
Appropriation, Received in 1944	60.30	
Total Credits		$ 62.94
Payments		
The H. R. Huntting Co.	$ 53.38	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	9.56	
		$ 62.94

Northfield Farms Library

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Payments		
Charles L. Gilbert, Treasurer	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Alexander Hall

Appropriation	$ 150.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer	50.00	
Total Credits		$ 200.00

Payments

Donald Finch	$ 45.00	
Leo Fortier	80.00	
Du-Ev Products Co. Inc.	36.32	
Barber's I.G.A. Store	.27	
Paul W. Lawton	13.25	
W. D. Miller	1.27	
G. N. Kidder	.30	
Mrs. Louis Abbey	2.00	
	178.41	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	21.59	
		$ 200.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$ 125.00
Payments		
Clark's Sound Service	10.00	
The Northfield	30.25	
John Wilson & Co., Inc.	6.75	
Major William Marshall	12.00	
Christine B. Corser	20.00	
Northfield Seminary	2.68	
Greenfield High School Band	25.00	
	106.68	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	18.32	
		$ 125.00

Care of Athletic Field

Appropriation		$ 125.00
Payments		
Spencer Bros.	$ 44.00	
Ralph Gibson	5.00	
Henry Bassett	3.25	
Leon Randall	3.25	
	55.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	69.50	
		$ 125.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Payments		
Fred A. Holton	$ 10.12	
The Northfield Press	288.25	
	298.37	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.63	
		$ 300.00

Town Clock and Fountain

Appropriation		$ 120.00
Payments		
Northfield Water Co.	$ 75.00	
C. L. Johnson	3.00	
Nelson A. Spring	15.25	
	93.25	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	26.75	
		$ 120.00

Expense of Town Dump

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Payments		
R. V. Gibson	$ 3.40	
Henry Bassett	4.80	
Frank Brassor	4.80	
Robert Strange	4.80	
Herbert Black	4.80	
Town Truck #4	6.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	5.50	
	34.10	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	165.90	
		$ 200.00

Legion Room

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Unexpended Balance to 1945	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

Bonds and Damage

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Payments		
Colton's Insurance Agency	$ 172.00	
Horace E. Allen	50.00	
	222.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	178.00	
		$ 400.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		$ 1,900.00
Payments by Transfer		
Snow Removal	$ 463.50	
Public Welfare	450.00	
Honor Roll	165.00	
Nurse	150.00	
Inspection, Meat & Slaughter	100.00	

Election and Registration	85.84	
Alexander Hall	50.00	
Collector's Expense	25.00	
Highway Tools	1.89	
	1,491.23	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	409.77	
		$ 1,900.00

Cemeteries

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Payments		
Frank Britton	$ 128.10	
Stephan Matosky	163.20	
Tessie Matosky	189.90	
J. J. Bartus	74.84	
G. N. Kidder	1.50	
Northfield Water Co.	12.00	
W. D. Miller	2.39	
W. H. Snow	16.50	
H. W. Taylor	11.10	
	599.53	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.47	
		$ 600.00

Cemetery Trust Funds

Appropriation, Income from Securities		$ 261.96
Frank Britton	6.20	
Stephan Matosky	127.20	
Tessie Matosky	99.00	
J. J. Bartus	29.16	
	261.96	$ 261.96

Cemetery Fence, Mt Hermon

Appropriation, Cemetery Lot Fund		$ 200.00
Payments		
Frank Britton	$ 16.80	
Stephan Matosky	47.10	
Tessie Matosky	28.80	
Evans Bros.	7.79	
G. N. Kidder	33.21	
	133.70	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	66.30	
		$ 200.00

West Northfield Cemetery

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	$ 91.04	
Appropriation, Income from Securities	240.75	
Total Credits		$ 331.79
Payments		
Carleton Holton	$ 121.50	
Roger Holton	37.40	
W. H. Snow	6.00	
	164.90	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	166.89	
		$ 331.79

Calvin Stearns Lot

Appropriation, Balance from 1943	10.05	
Appropriation, Income from Security	10.05	
Total Credits		$ 20.10
Payment		
Stephan Matosky	12.00	
Unexpended Balance to 1945	8.10	
		$ 20.10

Interest Account

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Payments		
Franklin County Trust Co.	$ 9.00	
The Merchant's National Bank of Boston	472.50	
	481.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	118.50	
		$ 600.00

Grade School Debt

Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Payments		
The Merchant's National Bank of Boston	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00

RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriation, Payments and Unexpended Balances

	Payments	Appropriations	Balance
Town Hall	$ 1,478.59	$ 1,600.00	$ 121.41
Selectmen, Expense Acct.	37.32	100.00	62.68
Moderator and Counsel	166.58	250.00	83.42
Treasurer Expense Acct.	86.31	100.00	13.69
Town Clerk, Expense and Salary	283.05	290.00	6.95
Assessors and Clerk Expense	15.41	50.00	34.59
Accountant	623.94	635.00	11.06
Fire Department	1,489.02	1,700.00	210.98
Water Holes	55.70	100.00	44.30
Forest Patrol	86.45	100.00	13.55
Constable Pay	149.85	200.00	50.15
Inspection of Animals	42.50	125.00	82.50
Sealer, Weights and Measures	132.28	150.00	17.72
Insurance	1,074.14	1,200.00	125.86
Gypsy Moth	806.80	825.00	18.20
Tree Warden	42.97	75.00	32.03
Defense, Ration Board	122.40	125.00	2.60
Defense Committee	119.38	200.00	80.62
Tax Title Foreclosure	7.51	50.00	42.49
Nurse, Expense Acct.	28.85	50.00	21.15
Health	169.50	250.00	80.50
Highway—81	12,188.01	12,189.00	.99
Bridge Repairs	553.83	600.00	46.17
Railings	299.98	300.00	.02
A. D. C.	884.90	1,000.00	115.10
A. D. C. and O. A. A. Clerk	17.50	300.00	282.50
O. A. A.	16,748.38	17,500.00	751.62
Soldiers' Relief	410.93	1,200.00	789.07
Schools	38,297.28	38,345.00	47.72
Schools, Road Oiling	391.81	400.00	8.19
Library	2,396.62	2,500.00	103.38
Memorial Day	106.68	125.00	18.32
Athletic Field	55.50	125.00	69.50
Bonds and Damage	222.00	400.00	178.00
Town Reports	298.37	300.00	1.63
Clock and Fountain	93.25	120.00	26.75
Expense of Dump	34.10	200.00	165.90
Cemeteries	599.53	600.00	.47
Interest Account	481.50	600.00	118.50
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			$ 3,880.28

	Payments	Appropriations	Balance
Collector, Expense	116.14	125.00	8.86
Inspector of Meat & Slaughter	208.50	250.00	41.50
Honor Roll	353.97	366.00	12.03
Nurse	1,515.88	1,550.00	34.12
Public Welfare	5,349.72	5,450.00	100.28
Alexander Hall	178.41	200.00	21.59
Reserve Fund		1.900.00	408.77
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve			$ 627.15
Selectmen	600.00	600.00	
Collector	400.00	400.00	
Treasurer	600.00	600.00	
Election and Registration	585.84	585.84	
Hydrant Service	400.00	400.00	
Highways—90	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Highway Tools	101.89	101.89	
Snow Removal	3,963.50	3,963.50	
Street Lights	2,971.56	2,971.56	
P. W. Clerk	150.00	150.00	
O. A. A. (U. S. Grant)	11,893.41	11,893.41	
School Committee	150.00	150.00	
Farms Library	50.00	50.00	
Center School Fund	138.48	138.48	
Cemetery Trust Funds	261.96	261.96	
School Debt	4,500.00	4,500.00	
U. S. Bonds	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Road Machinery Fund	1,520.79	1,800.00	
Unexpended Balance to Machine Acct.			279.21
Planting and Care of Trees		121.34	121.34
A. D. C. (U. S. Grant)	729.50	734.91	5.41
A. D. C. Administer	12.50	13.62	1.12
O. O. A. Administrator	359.37	503.35	143.98
Geo. F. Morgan Fund	63.85	125.48	61.63
Elisha Alexander Fund		81.97	81.97
Library Trust Fund	186.09	200.13	14.04
C. P. Dickinson Fund	53.38	62.94	9.56
Legion Room (Repairs)		1,500.00	1,500.00
Cemetery, W. Northfield	164.90	331.79	166.89
Calvin Stearns Fund	12.00	20.10	8.10
Painting & Repairing of Mt. Hermon Fence	133.70	200.00	66.30
Unexpended Balance to 1945			$ 2,180.34

Additional Payments

Dog Licenses	554.60	
State Tax	3,751.00	
State Tax, Parks & Reservations	79.49	
State Audit	267.67	
County Tax	4,706.07	
(Dog sold)	2.00	
Tailings	.75	
P. C. Funds	350.00	
Withholding Tax	3,417.70	
Interest (Lottie Evans Fund)	14.01	
Refunds:		
Taxes 1943	3.60	
Poll Tax 1944	2.00	
Personal 1944	3.50	
Real Estate Tax 1944	30.22	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	2.13	
		$ 41.45
Total Cash Payments	$144,101.80	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1944	48,819.11	
	$192,920.91	

REPORT OF THE

School Committee

ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1944

Sidney H. Given, Chairman	Term Expires 1946
Dorothy L. Miller, Secretary	Term Expires 1945
Irving J. Lawrence	Term Expires 1947

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert N. Taylor, B. Ch. E.; M. Ed.
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SCHOOL SECRETARY

Helen L. Deane

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

F. Wilton Dean, M. D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Euphrasia Purrington, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1945-1946

Schools Opened January 2, 1945	Close February 16, 1945
Schools Open February 26, 1945	Close April 13, 1945
Schools Open April 23, 1945	Close June 15, 1945
Schools Open September 5, 1945	Close December 20, 1945
Schools Open January 2, 1946	Close February 15, 1946
Schools Open February 25, 1946	Close April 12, 1946
Schools Open April 22, 1946	Close June 14, 1946

Elementary Schools Close One Week Earlier in June.

REPORT OF THE

School Superintendent

To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I have the honor to submit to you my annual report on the Public Schools. This, my fourth, is the 208th report on public education in the Town of Northfield

The year just closed has been marked by events unprecedented in the history of our nation. These events have made a marked impression on the minds of our youth. Just how marked this impression is, no one knows, and only the future will reveal. It becomes the duty of every educator to so guide the thinking of our pupils that good only will result from these experiences. Thinking that will make for mankind a happier, fuller and more wholesome life.

The year has been a difficult one in many respects but paramount in importance was the responsibility of keeping the schools supplied with an adequate teaching staff. The problem of material shortages combined with increased costs has also required the utmost diligence on the part of your committee. That we were able to complete the year with a balanced budget is primarily due to the sagacity of your School Committee.

A Critical Shortage

The supply of teachers has now reached a critical stage The larger communities have drained the rural areas of their experienced teachers. The teachers colleges are unable to supply our needs due to sharp decreases in enrolment and to the preference of such teachers for work in larger communities where beginners' salaries are larger than we pay experienced teachers.

To meet local requirements it has been necessary to recall former teachers now married or retired back into service. Some of these persons have found home responsibilities and teaching more than they could do and were obliged to resign during the school year. Others have found that after tax deductions the net salary was insufficient to pay for help at home and have anything left for her own work, and so they too have resigned. There are no other sources from which prospective teachers may be drawn.

Seven teachers resigned between March 1st and the opening of schools in September. This is exactly half of our staff and too many for the best welfare of a school system. Resignations were:

Mr Roland Currier after two years as Principal of the High School to accept the Principalship of the High School in Johnson, Vt.

Miss Julia Austin, to accept a similar position in the Barre, Vt., High School. Miss Austin served the Schools of Northfield faithfully and well for fifteen years. We are sorry to lose her but pleased that she has a splendid opportunity for wider service in a larger school system.

Mrs. Helen Gilmore, to join her husband in camp.

Miss Elizabeth Alexander, to teach in Montague.

Miss Priscilla Hayward, to teach in Easton.

Miss Gladys Midura, to teach in Belchertown High School.

Mrs. George Leonard, to be at home.

Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, of Greenfield served capably as substitute in the Household Arts Department for Mrs. Gilmore, until the close of school in June.

New appointments were:

Mr. Chester Parker, as principal of the high school. He will teach mathematics and social studies. Mr. Parker has been principal of the Jacksonville, Vt., High School this past year, previous to which he was Principal of Sedgewick, Maine, High School from 1940-42 and of Bridgewater, Maine, High School from 1939-40. He is a graduate of Bates College, class of 1939.

Mrs. Gloria Kosciusko, a graduate of Massachusetts State, class of 1944, as teacher of Household Arts and Director of the School Lunch Room.

Mrs. Helen Thompson, a former teacher in our system, and a graduate of Middlebury College, returned to teach Social Studies and Latin in the high school. She also has three classes per day in Arithmetic and Science in the Center School.

Miss Mary Smyth, a graduate of Our Lady of The Elms and with special training at Springfield Civil Service Commercial School to teach our commercial classes. Miss Smyth taught one year in the Springfield Civil Service Evening School.

Mrs. Dorothy Clough, a former teacher at the Northfield Farms School, to Grade II.

Miss Helen Scherlin, to Grade V. Miss Scherlin taught two years in Bernardston and one year in Marlboro, Vt.

Mrs. George Sheldon, at my insistance, took over the Social Studies position in the Center School, until a suitable teacher could be found. The position was finally filled by the appointment of a former Northfield teacher, Mrs. Willis Parker.

Other personnel changes during the year were:

Miss Genevieve Wozniak, Union Secretary in the Superintendent's Office, resigned to enter training for a nursing career. She entered the office just prior to the increase in government reporting in 1942 and graciously carried this load in addition to her regular duties.

Miss Helen Deane, a graduate of the Commercial Course at Powers Institute in 1944, was appointed Union Secretary.

Mr. Donald Finch, resigned as custodian of our schools in May to accept a position with the Millers Falls Tool Co. He has served the town faithfully for nine years. We wish him well in his new work.

Mr. Leo Fortier, who was formerly employed by Tenney Farms, was appointed custodian on May 1st.

Coordination Within Our Schools

One important advantage from our recent consolidation is the ease with which we may now adjust the teaching staff to more evenly balance the teacher load.

Due to increases in the elementary and decreases in the high school enrolments in recent years we found our elementary teachers were carrying a load of 35.1 pupils while the load of the high school teachers was only 13.4 pupils. To partly adjust this inequality two high school teachers were assigned some duties in the elementary school. The Household Arts teacher spends one full period per day in the Lunch Room. The Social Studies teacher carries three periods per day so that the princip has 1½ hours per day to devote to supervisory and adminiscipal has 1½ hours per day to devote to supervisory and adminis-

Accomplishments

In spite of difficulties encountered during the year we can point with pride to the following educational accomplishments:

The School Committee, which had been functioning without written rules, drew up and adopted a complete set of "Rules and Regulations of the School Department." These were distributed to all members of the staff and should be of inestimable value in determining future policies and solving personnel problems.

Lengthening the high school day so as to close at 2:30 instead of 2:05 thus permitting a period each day for extra curricula activities.

The purchase of a sound motion picture projector (mostly pupil and teacher funds) so that visual education now has its rightful place in our work.

The acquisition of the Massachusetts Vision Test equipment (gift of the Health Council) so that more accurate results are being obtained in the legally required vision testing.

Complete testing of all pupils for the third consecutive year. Such testing has shown that there are fewer subjects than in the past two years in which we are not up to Standard Medians.

Organization of three corrective reading classes for pupils needing special help and encouragement.

Items From Center School Principal's Report

Mr. Leonard's report calls attention to a number of progressive improvements in the Center School during the year:

"The attendance in school this fall has been noticeably better than in previous years. There have been fewer questionable absences than in the past."

"The lunchroom program has been very successful this year. Fine lunches have been served. Approximately 75% of the pupils who stay for lunch patronize the program each day. The lunch hour is divided into two shifts. Grades 1 - 4 eat lunch at 11:45 while grades 5 - 8 eat their lunch at 12:15. This relieves possible congestion and makes it possible to serve all pupils without having a crowded lunchroom. One teacher is in charge of the lunchroom for each group for one week each month."

"During the past year, permanent record cards have been instituted in Center School. For a number of years no kind of permanent record of pupils' achievements had been kept. Each teacher obtained personal data from each pupil and has entered it upon the card. This type of record is of infinite value when it becomes necessary for pupils to transfer or when inquiries are made concerning school records of former pupils. These cards are passed on to high school when pupils enter there, but when pupils transfer to other schools or leave school they are retained here, on file."

"Our school lacks an organized course in Art. Teachers who are not artistically minded can not teach art successfully without some help. To have a successful art course, it is neces-

sary to have a definite course of study for all grades, and the work of each grade should be built up on those skills and attitudes developed in the previous grades. Therefore, I recommend that something be done to improve the art work of the Northfield Center School to a level that will compare favorably with other school systems. The art work of those schools has been developed and is not due entirely to natural ability. I suggest that either one of the two following steps be taken.

1. Hire a part-time art supervisor, one who has specialized in this field in up-to-date methods. This could be undertaken as a union project. This suggestion may not be possible now, but I believe it to be worthy of future consideration.

2. Secure a definite course of study for the progressive instruction of art in all grades. This would not be expensive. The improvement in the art work would be very noticeable, and would develop those skills and attitudes that result in good art expression."

Regarding the use of sound motion pictures in education Mr. Leonard has the following to say:

"Since the fall of 1941, it has been my desire to have a sound moving picture projector in our school system. As president of the Northfield Teachers' Club, I presented my idea to them in one of their fall meetings a year ago. Their interest proved to be as great as mine. Immediate plans were made to present a play. Such a play, "Charity Begins—" was presented in April and $126 was netted. This money added to other school money raised as a result of sales and programs, coupled with unused interest from the Belcher Center School Fund for several years, made nearly enough to purchase our projector."

"With the very welcome assistance of Mr. Seth Field, a former student of our schools, a projector was located and purchased this fall. This was done despite the necessity of priorities, and the scarcity of such supplies."

"Psychologists say that 90% of all learning comes through the eyes, 5% through our ears, and 5% through other sources. This being the case, our sound moving picture projector alone, is a means of teaching nearly all one needs to know, providing a complete program of films is available."

"Audio-visual education is in its infant stage. Our present program for the use of this audio-visual aid is in its formative state. Appropriate films for use in several grades are scheduled.

A summary or outline of the picture is given to each teacher, as well as a schedule of the dates to be shown. Teachers prepare the pupils for the picture. After the showing of the film the picture is discussed and reviewed."

"We are looking forward to an ever-increasing use of the projector and an enriched program of audio-visual education. Such a program will be possible only after more thorough study and greater experience with this newest aid to the teaching program."

Post War Educational Problems

There is little doubt in my mind but that the time is not far distant when equalization of educational opportunity throughout our land will be realized.

For many years communities in Massachusetts have accepted State reimbursement from various funds. The purpose of this reimbursement was to equalize educational opportunities in the smaller communities unable to present the diversified program of a city or large town. These State funds, generous as they may be in some cases, do not, however, do all that should be done for rural youth.

Speaking before the New England Superintendents of Schools at the November conference in Boston this year Dr. Francis L. Bacon, Superintendent of Evanston Public Schools, Evanston, Illinois, made this pointed statement:

"We should work for Federal Aid through local control for our schools. If we don't we are likely to get Federal Aid with Federal Control."

Dr. Bacon was formerly director of Secondary Education in the Newton, Mass., Public Schools so he knows how New Englanders feel about Federal control of services which, since the founding of our State, have been local responsibilities. As a member of the N. E. A. Policies' Commission he was giving us information so that we could prepare ourselves to claim, at the right time, our traditional right of local control.

The failure of many communities to adequately meet local responsibility in education has made it necessary that such action be taken. Northfield in recent years has done a great deal to raise the educational standard of the community. However, we must not make the gross error of assuming that we have reached the zenith of perfection in matters educational.

Some of the problems needing greater attention in the nation and which will undoubtedly become the responsibility of the schools are:

1. More adequate follow up work in health training and service.

2. Improvement in nutrition through establishment of adequate lunch programs.

3. More adequate facilities for physical education with a more rounded program for the same.

4. Complete dental service for all youth through the 12th grade.

5. Vocational training for all pupils not preparing for college. Such training of a direct nature so that skills are acquired that will assure the student of getting a job at an adequate living wage in those industries in his own or in nearby communities.

In Northfield we do well with item No. 2, very little with items 1, 3, 5, and nothing beyond the sixth grade in item No. 4.

Since health education is one of our important functions I feel it deserves first consideration of a list of needs. Due to the shortage of dentists much of our clinical work has been dropped. This is unfortunate. It is true that families have more money than in the past, but the work as recommended by our dental examinations is not being done. The only solution to the problem seems to be a return of clinical service at the earliest possible date.

Our winter physical education program is inadequate. During rainy weather and when the playground is deep with snow, it is almost impossible to turn 280 pupils loose to play outdoors at recess. Wet clothing, shoes and feet, leading to colds would be the result. Consequently during the winter months little real physical education is carried on. The only solution to this problem is a gymnasium so constructed and situated as to be suitable for all our pupils. A survey of attendance at sports events in the United States shows that basketball is far in the lead. This is because almost every town has high school and club teams. Such a building, a living memorial to the men of this war, would be a splendid addition to the education and recreational facilities of Northfield.

I don't approve of very young children walking long distances to school. Our climate is too severe. Replacement of the

bus service curtailed by O.D.T. in 1942 should be done as soon as restrictions are lifted.

The Connecticut Valley is primarily an agricultural section. There exists in our school a need for vocational agricultural training for boys. It would be fitting for one of the two high schools in Union #23 to make plans for such an addition to the curriculum in the post-war planning.

Maintenance

Very few major repairs and improvements were necessary this year.

A new electric motor was needed for the return pump in the high school heating system.

The floors in the upper hall, the south-east class room and the principal's office in the high school were sanded and refinished.

The roadway and play area south of the building was surfaced with tar.

In 1945 the floors in the laboratory and main room should be sanded and refinished thus completing this work that we started four years ago.

Our road department recommends another coat of tar next summer to seal our roadway.

The boardwalk between the buildings should be replaced with a concrete walk soon.

The wood trim on the exterior of the Center School should be repainted during the coming year.

Age at Admission to First Grade

Educational experience has shown that it is not wise to admit pupils indiscriminately to the first grade. Since the room comfortably seats 35 pupils and since this is adequate teaching load at this level, the following rules were adopted by the School Committee effective Setpember 1944.

1. All pupils to be admitted, under seven years of age, are to be examinated by the pre-school clinic.

2. The age of admission to the first grade shall be 5 years, 8 months (six years January 1), but the Superintendent may, at his discretion, admit younger pupils who have attained the mental age of 6 years as determined by the pre-school clinic, provided such pupils are at least five years, six months of age chronologically.

Financial

Education is Northfield's biggest municipal enterprise. It is also our most expensive project. Citizens would do well to keep in mind that it is a community investment from which we receive a return not measurable in dollars but in the making of better citizens with a higher standard of living than any generation in the history of our nation.

The School Committee is conscientious in its efforts to obtain the most possible for the youth of the town with the funds at its disposal. A budget is carefully prepared and as carefully adhered to as is possible in these difficult times. In spite of the Government's attempt to prevent inflation there has been a substantial increase in the cost of essential materials and services for education. In the 1943 report I wrote of the new law requiring towns of $2,500,000 valuation to pay a minimum salary of $1200 per year to teachers and that those of less valuation must pay a minimum of $1000. This latter clause is ineffective since most applicants expect the $1200 minimum salaries and the small town is thus forced to pay a beginning salary of $1200 to new teachers.

That commodities are much higher in cost is indicated by the following examples:

Paper towels, which are now classified as a must in our health program, have increased from $3.45 per case in 1942 to as high as $5.50 per case this year.

Floor preparations have increased up to 25%. Cleaning compounds 10 to 15%. In many cases substitute brands at higher prices have taken the place of standard products. Many products we use are not controlled by O.P.A. ceiling prices.

The School Department has an unexpended balance of $47.72. The salary increases necessary to retain our teaching staff and to obtain new teachers will make it necessary for the department to expend approximately $3,100.00 more in 1945. By curtailing expenditures in other items the net increase in our budget will be $2,400.

Enrolment by Grades, October 1, 1944

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Boys	17	27	15	16	12	13	23	15	13	7	7	5	170
Girls	18	10	18	17	18	22	9	14	12	12	14	7	171
Totals	35	37	33	33	30	35	32	29	25	19	21	12	341

Census Report

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1944, as required by law.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 5-7	36	29	65
Between 7-16	145	139	284
Total	181	168	349

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

High School

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Chester R. Parker	Principal Mathematics Social Studies Economics	Bates College, A.B.
Evelyn G. Lawley	Assistant Principal Mathematics Pre-Flight	Smith College, A.M. *Massachusetts State College *Boston University
Helen L. Thompson	Latin History	Middlebury College, A.B.
Adeline L. O'Neil	English Spanish	Trinity College, A.B.
Gloria T. Kosciusko	Household Arts Biology	Mass. State College, B.S.
Mary M. Smyth	Commercial	Lady of The Elms, A.B. Springfield Civil Service Commercial School

Center School

George M. Leonard	Principal Science Mathematics	Bridgewater State Teachers' College, B.S. *Boston University
Dorothy O. Totman	Assistant Principal Grade 4	Fitchburg Normal *University Extension
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal
Elizabeth G. Braley	English, Gr. 6, 7, 8	Northfield Seminary *North Adams Normal *Castleton Normal *Hyannis Normal *Fitchburg Norman *University Extension
Dorothy W. Clough	Grade 2	Westfield Normal

Mary E. Dalton	Grade 3	*Massachusetts State College *Hyannis Normal *University Extension *Northfield Seminary
Evelyn H. Parker	Social Studies Music	Fitchburg Normal
Helen L. Scherlin	Grade 5	Castleton Normal
Marion W. Goodspeed	Music Supervisor	N. E. Conservatory

School Custodians

Leo Fortier	Appointed 1944
Frank P. Britton	Center School Assistant

In Conclusion

The personnel of the School Department have confidence in the future of our town. Our principal objective of making good citizens with a democratic viewpoint based on that conceived by the founders of our nation is being achieved. The complete reports of the high school principal, nurse and physician are included. I recommend them for your perusal.

To the numerous organizations and persons who have contributed to our school activities in many ways I am grateful. I personally want to thank the School Committee and the members of the staff who have helped to make our schools good schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROBERT N. TAYLOR

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenditures

Administrative:		
Supt. Robert N. Taylor, Salary	$ 1,220.00	
Expenses	40.00	
Clerks' Salaries		
Genevieve H. Wozniak	196.00	
Helen L. Deane	122.50	
		$ 1,578.50
Medical:		
F. Wilton Dean, M.D.	$ 150.00	
Catherine Williams, R.N.	175.00	
Euphrasia A. Purrington, R.N.	75.00	
		400.00
Janitors' Salaries:		
Donald B. Finch	$ 562.50	
Leo Fortier	971.78	
Frank Britton	522.00	
Edward Fortier	183.00	
Greenfield Cleaning Co.	62.90	
Philip Huber	21.00	
Norman Bolton	13.75	
David Powell	21.00	
		$ 2,357.93
Teachers' Salaries		
Roland E. Currier	$1,380.00	
Chester R. Parker	1,000.00	
Evelyn G. Lawley	1,640.00	
Julia B. Austin	900.00	
Helen L. Thompson	600.00	
Adeline L. O'Neil	1,306.50	
Gladys A. Midura	780.00	
Mary M. Smyth	520.00	
Helen J. Gilmore	240.00	
Charlotte Johnson	414.00	
Gloria T. Kosciusko	520.00	
George M. Leonard	1,590.00	
Dorothy O. Totman	1,140.00	
Elizabeth G. Braley	1,090.00	
Esther M. Leonard	630.00	
Mary E. Dalton	1,090.00	
Priscilla Hayward	600.00	
Helen L. Scherlin	460.00	
Elizabeth M. Alexander	600.00	
Dorothy W. Clough	475.00	
Ruth W. Bolton	1,087.37	

Mrs. George Sheldon	328.50	
Mrs. Willis Parker	108.00	
Elizabeth Mayberry	40.00	
Eleanor Parker	24.00	
Lois Russell	20.00	
Marion Goodspeed	441.00	
W. L. Rinehart	350.00	
		$19,374.37

Transportation:

Helen L. Black	$ 800.00	
James B. Dresser	800.00	
The Northfield	5,165.00	
Elizabeth M. Alexander	39.60	
Carolyn Avery	2.40	
		$ 6,807.00

Supplies: Students

Supt. Vernon S. Ames	$ 13.10
American Education Press, Inc.	4.59
Edward E. Babb	115.42
Beaudette and Co.	7.73
Illinois Biological Supply Co.	18.85
Boston Music Co.	4.88
Cascade Paper Co.	86.74
Cambosco Scientific Co.	34.66
Castle Films, Inc.	6.48
Civic Education Service	6.00
Clarke Hardware Co.	116.50
The Clearing House	5.00
F. Wilton Dean, M.D.	3.17
C. B. Dolge Co.	21.25
Little Frank Stores	4.88
Gledhill Bros.	40.07
C. A. Gregory Co.	5.45
J. L. Hammett Co.	123.50
H. T. Janes	.50
Johnson & Johnson	2.25
Charlotte Johnson	.40
March of Time	20.00
The Macmillan Co.	35.89
Mittag and Volger	13.00
Papercrafters, Inc.	149.44
State Prison Colony	2.50
Public School Publishing Co.	2.72
Row, Peterson & Co.	13.63
The Northfield Pharmacy	1.93
School Service Co.	1.17
O. H. Toothaker	10.08
Visual Education Service, Inc.	16.17

Society for Visual Education	2.00	
Robert N. Taylor	.45	
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co.	20.92	
South-Western Publishing Co.	9.87	
John Wilson and Co.	2.40	
World Book Company	36.16	
		$ 959.75
Supplies: Janitors'		
The Brush Shop	$ 11.00	
Cascade Paper Co.	82.50	
C. B. Dolge Co.	24.62	
Du-Ev Products Co., Inc.	220.89	
Eastern Textiles Co.	8.10	
Geerpres Wringer, Inc.	1.20	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	40.82	
F. A. Irish	4.03	
George N. Kidder, Dr.	.60	
W. D. Miller	72.13	
State Prison Colony	1.28	
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	6.05	
Sanascent Company	5.86	
Montgomery Ward	7.10	
		$ 486.18
Supplies: Domestic Science		
Avery's Store	$ 13.40	
Helen J. Gilmore	6.72	
F. A. Irish	.81	
John Wilson and Co.	.95	
		$ 21.88
Tuition: Vocational		
Greenfield, Town of	$ 759.38	
Smith's Agricultural School	21.68	
		$ 781.06
Textbooks:		
Allyn and Bason	$ 1.78	
American Book Co.	49.47	
American School Board Journal	1.00	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	1.33	
C. C. Birchard and Co.	2.84	
The Blakiston Co.	6.13	
Denoyer-Geppert Co.	.55	
Follett Book Co.	3.52	
Ginn and Co.	16.09	
Gregg Publishing Co.	11.47	
E. M. Hale and Co.	9.98	
Harper Bros.	3.16	
Henry Holt and Co.	10.89	
D. C. Heath	33.46	
Houghton and Mifflin	19.17	

L. W. Singer Co.	160.09	
Macmillan Company	22.06	
McGraw-Hill Book Co.	2.30	
Noble and Noble	1.27	
Pan American Union	1.00	
Robbins Music Co.	37.80	
Row, Peterson and Co.	113.10	
New York State Teachers' Ass.	.50	
Georgia School Book Depository, Inc.	.78	
Silver Burdett and Co.	72.96	
Scott Foresman Co.	11.78	
Charles Scribners Sons	.55	
O. H. Toothaker	9.50	
Webster Publishing Co.	7.57	
World Almanac	1.70	
		$ 613.80
Water and Current:		
Western Mass. Electric Co.	$ 732.75	
Northfield Water Company	105.36	
		$ 838.11
Fuel:		
Charles F. Peck Co.	$ 84.00	
G. O. Dunnell	2,122.02	
Franklin Fuel Co.	12.00	
Northfield Seminary	63.56	
		$ 2,281.58
Repairs:		
Leavis and Bolton	$ 37.25	
C. H. Demond and Co.	7.50	
Evans Bros.	6.25	
Leo Fortier	.35	
Sidney H. Given	1.50	
Holden Martin Lumber Co.	3.89	
Johnson Service Company	1.16	
George N. Kidder	3.15	
Franklin County Lumber Co.	6.56	
Western Mass. Elec. Co.	8.53	
W. D. Miller	165.16	
Morgan's Garage	27.82	
The Nash Engineering Co.	47.71	
The H. B. Smith Co.	.83	
Peter St. Cyr	30.20	
		$ 347.86
New Equipment:		
Cinema	$ 86.21	
Massachusetts Reformatory	73.83	
Middlesex County House of Correction	12.35	
		$ 172.39

Sundry Educational Expense:		
Frank W. Anderson	85.50	
Elizabeth G. Braley	16.00	
Tracy R. Burdick	8.14	
Commissioner of Public Safety	15.00	
Roland E. Currier	11.82	
Mrs. Henry A. Johnson	12.30	
Johnson and Johnson	11.92	
George M. Leonard	11.39	
National Educational Association	1.40	
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.	147.75	
Chester R. Parker	1.50	
Euphrasia A. Purrington, R.N.	.30	
Laurence D. Quinlan, Postmaster	9.00	
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette	10.91	
Northfield Seminary	2.19	
Helen L. Scherlin	16.00	
Helen M. Stearns	15.00	
Robert N. Taylor	23.26	
Greenfield, Town of	12.00	
Martin E. Vorce	4.50	
Professor W. A. Wells	15.00	
Pro-Merito Society	1.00	
		$ 431.87
Total Expenditures		$37,452.28
1944 Appropriation	$37,500.00	
1944 Expended	37,452.28	
Unexpended Balance	$ 47.72	

Special Appropriation

1943-4 Fuel

Appropriated	$ 845.00
Payments:	
G. O. Dunnell	845.00
	0.00

Special Appropriation For Surfacing Roadway

Appropriated	$ 400.00
Payments:	
Northfield, Town of Road Department	391.81
Unexpended	$ 8.19

Iitemized Summary of Accounts

Superintendent	$ 1,220.00	$ 1,220.00	$ 1,285.00
Administrative Expense	40.00	40.00	40.00
Clerk	336.00	318.50	315.00
Teachers' Salaries	19,005.00	19,024.37	21,720.00
Textbooks	400.00	613.80	400.00
Supplies:			
Student	550.00	959.75	500.00
Domestic Science	75.00	21.88	75.00
Janitors'	300.00	486.18	350.00
Salaries: Janitors'	2,316.00	2,357.93	2,466.00
Fuel	2,880.00	2,281.58	2,440.00
Water and Current	800.00	838.11	800.00
Transportation	7,000	6,807.00	7,000.00
Repairs	400.00	347.86	400.00
New Equipmet	150.00	172.39	50.00
Medical: Physician	150.00	150.00	150.00
Nurse	250.00	250.00	250.00
Sundry Ed. Expense	408.00	431.87	400.00
Penmanship	350.00	350.00	350.00
Tuition: Vocational	870.00	781.06	870.00
Totals	$37,500.00	$37,452.86	$39,861.00

Net Cost of Schools 1944

Expended by School Department, 1944			
Regular Appropriation		$37,452.28	
Special Appropriation (Fuel)		845.00	
Special Appropriation (Surfacing Roadway)		391.81	
Total			$38,689.09
State of Massachusetts reimbursements			
School Fund, Part I, November 20, 1944		$ 3,195.00	
School Fund, Part II, March 10, 1944		5,865.85	
Vocational Tuition		145.00	
State Wards; Tuition and Transportation		*0.00	
Superintendent's salary and travel		676.67	
		$ 9,882.52	
Other receipts: Tuition and Transportation from:			
Town of Vernon, Vermont	$ 142.00		
American Youth Hostel	81.00		
Harold Gould	47.20	$ 270.20	
Refund		7.00	
Telephone		4.81	
Total Receipts			$10,164.53
Net Cost of Schools			$28,524.56

* This item was not received by the town treasurer by December 31. The amount claimed in 1944 is $1,084.64.

Financial Report, Center School Lunch Room

January-December, 1944

DOROTHY O. TOTMAN, Treasurer

Balance for 1943	$ 67.49	
Receipts:		
Lunches	2,501.60	
Food Distribution Administration	2,286.96	
Interest	1.84	
Food	3.66	
Gift	1.00	
Misc. (reimbursement on egg cases, etc.)	3.50	
		$ 4,866.05
Expenses:		
Workers	$ 1,184.45	
Groceries	3,482.76	
Equipment	83.77	
Express, Service Charges	18.62	
Administrative Expense	6.30	
Reserve Equipment Fund	50.00	
		$ 4,825.90
Balance January 1, 1945		$ 40.15
Lunches Served	30,400	
Milk Served	27,963	
Lunches Paid by Health Council	341	
Milk Paid by Health Council	151	

REPORT OF THE

High School Principal

Mr. Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools

Northfield, Massachusetts

I herewith submit my first annual report as principal of Northfield High School.

School opened September 6, 1944, with an enrolment of 79 pupils. The enrolment was divided as follows: Seniors, 12; Juniors, 21; Sophomores, 21; Freshmen, 25.

This year the school is once more brought face to face with the problems of the war. Many of our students will go directly into the armed forces. Those who are not going into the armed forces must be prepared for occupations essential to the war effort. This means there must be more emphasis on mathematics, sciences, commercial subjects and physical training. The schools must meet the demands of war the same as any industry. We can, fortunately, meet all of these demands at the present time except for physical training and we are handicapped in that field by a lack of indoor space for winter activities.

We have continued the aviation science course with an enrollment of 10. It is very popular with the upper-class boys. Our physics course is organized so that it covers most of the material suggested in the pre-induction training courses outlined by the war department.

We are, I believe, the first school in this section of the state to take advantage of the vocational courses sponsored by the federal government and heartily endorsed by the Army Training Command for all boys. Thirteen boys are taking a course in automotive mechanics at the Greenfield Vocational School two afternoons a week. They get six hours of instruction a week. They provide their own transportation and the federal government pays their tuition. The course is very practical and they are receiving excellent training.

Nine girls are taking a course in Home Nursing under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Anderson, R.N. They have made one trip

to visit the laboratory at Massachusetts State College and they have had several special speakers give lectures.

This fall the physical education program was organized with baseball and later touch football for the boys. The girls played softball and some volleyball. This winter our program will be very limited unless we can arrange for some skating, hockey, or skiing.

The twenty-seven minutes that were added to the school day help immeasurably. The program has been re-arranged so that there are eight forty-minute periods every day. The eighth period is used as an activity period for music, Glee Club, assemblies, physical training, home nursing and club work.

The school has profited much and will profit more in the future from the motion picture projector purchased by the Teachers' Club. This projector together with the film-strip projector we already had, gives us a good start toward building up an adequate visual education program.

All of the students have been given a physical examination by the doctor and vision tests by the nurse.

Student activities have been encouraged as much as possible. Each class has sponsored an assembly program. The annual magazine drive was exceptionally successful. The Senior Play was presented under the direction of Miss O'Neil It was well attended and the proceeds will be used for the class trip. There are 44 students in the Glee Club under Mrs. Goodspeed. They have put on one assembly program and are planning for an Operetta later in the year. The school has purchased to date $755.45 worth of War Saving Stamps and Bonds and is entitled to fly the Minute Man Flag as 90% or more of the students have bought stamps each month since September.

In conclusion I wish to thank you Mr Taylor, and the members of the School Committee for your help and interest in our work at the high school.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHESTER R. PARKER.

Principal.

REPORT OF THE

School Physician

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee:

Herewith I submit the report of the school physician for the year 1944. I am glad to report that aside from the usual annual physical examinations very little has happened to disturb the health of the pupils this year. We have so far been free from any major epidemics. A few questionable contacts with scarlet fever and a few suspicious eruptions were seen in my office mornings before school, but we have encountered no real trouble.

In the spring a diphtheria immunization clinic was held at the town hall, primarily for the pre-school children. It is interesting to check over the records and note that the majority of the school children have now been protected against diphtheria.

In October the annual physical examination of the pupils in the Center and High Schools was performed with the assistance of Miss Purrington, the newly returned school nurse. A list of the defects found follows:

Defective teeth	61	Poor posture	9
Diseased tonsils	16	Deafness	2
Flat feet	52	Overweight	2
Enlarged glands	14	Poor eyesight	104
Speech defects	10	(Slight 71 Marked 33)	
Poor nutrition	13	Heart trouble	1

The number and type of defects found this year varies considerably from last year. The number of defective teeth has more than doubled probably largely because of no dental clinic last year. The number of cases of poor vision is very high compared to previous reports, but the method of examination has been greatly improved. This year an elaborate new vision test was used and is greatly superior to previous tests. I hope more attention will be paid to eyes. In several cases this year vision was found to be the cause of poor work on the part of a student. Aside from defective teeth, I feel that the general health of the

pupils is better this year than last, and I feel that this may be due in no small measure to the hot lunches the children get at noon. I feel that the school lunch program as now carried out is most beneficial.

This next month a new and most valuable venture is to be tried out in Northfield. As a part of the nation-wide campaign against tuberculosis, every child and teacher in the school system is to have a chest x-ray. This will be done by doctors from the Westfield State Sanatarium. Chest x-rays are the only way to find T.B. in the early and curable stages, and I hope every one will cooperate.

I wish to thank the Superintendent, teachers and school nurses for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M. D.

School Physician.

REPORT OF THE

School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit the annual report of the school nursing work from January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945.

The following is a report of the work completed by Mrs. Dean Williams from January 1, 1944 to October 1, 1944:

Number of individual inspections	2,597
Number of pupils excluded	51
Number of other inspections	258
Number of consultations with teachers	35
Number of consultations with parents in school	2
Number of children taken home	18
Number of field visits for school children	124

October 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945:

The routine preparation for health examinations was continued from that completed by Mrs. Williams.

A brief outline of the work of the school nurse should be of interest to all parents as well as town's people.

1. Routine preparation for health examinations.
   a. Preparing pupils for each activity is important.
   b. Weighing and measuring.
   c. Testing eyes and ears.
2. Assistance given doctor at time of examination.
3. Communicable disease control.
4. Assistance and encouragement given in correction of defects found.
5. First Aid treatment during school hours.
6. Record made of findings in regard to these activities on each individual pupil's health card.

Hygiene-personal, including dental is important in preventing diseases. We find on general inspection this Fall that practically every classroom had improved in this respect. Better posture is one practise which I feel we need to constantly keep before our children. Diseases many times are best prevented by general health measures as proper food, rest, and hygienic living conditions.

This fall every pupil throughout the school system has been tested by means of the Massachusetts Vision testing machine. The testing was very much speeded up by the very efficient assistance of members of the Northfield Health Council. However, in spite of this it has taken over twice as long as the old method of testing.

Through the State Department of Public Health I have been able to make arrangements through Dr. Houser for chest x-rays of all High School Pupils and teachers.

As it was necessary to conserve on heat and because the public Health Nurse's room, at the town hall was needed by members of the Rationing Board it seemed best, for the time being, for the nurse's town records to be moved to Center School. This does not alter the town nurse's duties or time in regard to her town work.

It has been a pleasure to be again back in Northfield and carry on, in this short time, the work of the school nurse.

I wish to thank Mr. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dean, School Physician, and all others who have assisted me.

Respectfully Submitted,

EUPHRASIA PURRINGTON, R.N.

REPORT OF THE

Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library

As we present our report we are constrained to express our grateful appreciation of the years of faithful service of the men and women who in former days gave so generously of their time, thought, effort and means to make our Library possible.

Your Library Trustees, Librarian and Janitor have, throughout the year 1944, diligently endeavored to carry on the work in such a way that the ideals, set up in the past, might be maintained and developed and the Library continue to be a help and source of pleasure to the townspeople, summer residents and visitors.

The Book Committee has labored to continue the supply of new books.

We wish to thank the friends of the Library who have shown their interest by the gift of books and in other helpful ways.

We regret that because of the condition of his health Mr. Frank H. Montague found it necessary to resign as Trustee and on account of leaving town Mr. S. E. Walker has also resigned.

These gentlemen rendered valuable service to the Library over a period of years and we miss them. Their places have been taken by Mr. J. W. Field and Prof. H. H. Morse.

The appropriation voted at the last Town Meeting made it possible to employ a full-time Librarian. This service began March 1st and, subject to fuel supply, the Library is now open five days a week including three evenings.

Miss Jean Giebel, who began her work as Librarian June 15, 1943 and became full-time Librarian March 1, 1944, on account of her approaching marriage, resigned November 18, 1944.

Miss Giebel with her skill as trained Librarian did much to develop and enlarge the sphere of the Library's service. The Trustees wish to express their appreciation of her work.

Miss Lucy M. Eveleth, a graduate of the Library School of Simmons College, became Librarian December 26th and brings to the work much experience in public library administration.

In the interval between Miss Giebel's resignation and Miss Eveleth's arrival, Mrs. Austin Phelps cared for the Library.

Mr. Carl Mason, because of poor health, resigned as Janitor.

The Trustees wish to express their appreciation of Mr. Mason's intelligent and earnest devotion to the best interests of the Library.

Mr. Frank C. Britton began his services as Janitor July 20th.

During the year new shelves have been placed in the alcove of the Reading Room. Exhibits have been replaced and pictures rehung.

The hall and stairway, also the South room of the second floor, have been redecorated.

By grouping available shelves in the Southeast basement room a much needed storeroom has been secured.

The grounds of the Library have been improved.

When our men and women, now serving the Nation, return, we all hope the Library, in full use, will have a large place in their welcome home.

To the Sons and Daughters and Friends of Northfield—wherever you may be—we should like to say that one of the best methods of showing your love for Northfield is by enlarging the endowment of the Dickinson Memorial Library through liberal gifts today and a legacy in your will.

Respectfully submitted,

C. INA MERRIMAN, Chairman
MARY G. PARKER
MERCY A. BRANN
JOSEPH W. FIELD
HORACE H. MORSE
ROBERT BONNER JACK

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During 1944, there were 434 books added to the library; 218 books of adult fiction, 57 books of adult non-fiction, and 159 juvenile books. Of these, 319 titles were purchased and 29 given.

The total circulation of books was 14,760: Adult, 8,915; juvenile, 4,865; state, 980. Magazines circulated, 787.

Beginning June 6th, the library was opened 5 days each week; previous to that date, only 3 days a week.

Yours respectfully,

LUCY M. ELEVETH, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE

Board of Assessors

For the Year Ending December 31, 1944

Value of Real Estate		$1,679,803.00
Value of Personal Estate		214,313.00
Rate per $1,000	$ 35.00	
Polls assessed	659	
Motor excise commitment		2,721.78
Number of horses assessed	72	
Number of cattle assessed	1,074	
Number of swine	19	
Number of goats assessed	14	
Number of fowl assessed	5,556	
Number of sheep assessed	16	

Appropriations

Appropriations from available funds, May 25, 1943:	
Convert oil burning equipment of Center School to coal burning equipment from excess and deficiency	$ 2,000.00
Appropriations from available funds, Nov. 23, 1943:	
Erection and maintenance of temporary honor roll from excess and deficiency	350.00
Snow Account from Chapter 81 Road appropriation	812.00
Appropriations from available funds, February 7, 1944:	
Road machinery fund from machinery account	$ 1,800.00
Old age assistance from surplus revenue	8,000.00
New grade school debt note from surplus revenue	4,500.00
Road and highways and Chapter 81 from available funds	8,126.00
Reserve fund from overlay surplus	1,900.00
Legion room expansion and alterations from surplus revenue	1,500.00
U. S. Bonds from available funds	10,000.00
Painting, repairing, and building fence Mount Hermon Cemetery from cemetery lot fund	200.00
School buildings fuel 1943-44 from surplus revenue	845.00
Appropriations to be raised by taxation February 7, 1944:	
Northfield Farms Library	50.00
Tree Warden	75.00
Street lighting	2,971.56

Highway tools	100.00
Schools	37,500.00
Treasurer's salary	600.00
Treasurer's expense account	100.00
Bridges	600.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200.00
Alexander Hall	150.00
Animal inspection	125.00
Fire department	1,700.00
Maintenance water holes	100.00
Dept. Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to dependent children	1,000.
Town Clerk's salary	250.00
Town Clerk's expense account	40.00
Selectmen's salary	600.00
Selectmen's expense account	100.00
Old age assistance	8,000.00
Public Welfare clerk	150.00
School committee salary	150.00
Inspection meat and slaughtering	150.00
Election and registrations	500.00
Fire and casualty insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of weights and measures	150.00
Accountant's salary	600.00
Accountant's expense account	35.00
Assessors' salary	600.00
Assessors' expense account	50.00
Town Hall care	1,600.00
Public health	250.00
Interest account	600.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town clock and fountain	120.00
Town reports	300.00
Bonds and damages	400.00
Snow removal and sanding	3,500.00
Tax Collector's salary	400.00
Tax Collector's expense account	100.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	2,500.00
Gypsy moth extermination	825.00
Community nurse	1,400.00
Community nurse's expense account	50.00
Railings	300.00
Cemeteries	600.00
Road and highways and Chapter 81	4,063.00
Chapter 90 road maintenance	500.00
Memorial Day exercises	125.00
Care of athletic field	125.00
Dump clean up expense	200.00
Clerk's salary for Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance	300.00

Constables' pay	200.00	
Hydrant service	400.00	
Tax title foreclosures	50.00	
Forest patrol	100.00	
Defense purposes	200.00	
Ration Board maintenance	125.00	
Oiling new school roadway	400.00	
Total appropriations		$123,862.56
State tax		3,751.00
State parks and reservations		79.49
State audit		267.67
County tax		4,706.07
County tax 1943 under estimate		900.67
Overlay		2,412.44
Gross amount to be raised		$135,979.90

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	$ 6,724.74	
Corporation Taxes	3,088.74	
Reimbusement—State owned land	186.64	
Gasoline tax	5,158.40	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	2,000.00	
Licenses	50.00	
General government	200.00	
Health and sanitation	200.00	
Charities	5,000.00	
Old age tax (meals)	472.27	
Schools	5,000.00	
Interest on taxes	100.00	
American Youth Hostel's gift	150.00	
Overestimate of previous year		
State parks and reservations	2.41	
Transfers	40,033.00	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		$68,366.20
Net amount to be raised by taxation		$67,613.70
Poll tax	$ 1,318.00	
Personal property tax	7,500.955	
Real estate tax	58,793.105	
Fractional gain on tax rate	1.64	
Total taxes levied on polls and property		$67,613.70

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. MERRIFIELD
CLIFFORD A. FIELD
ERNEST A. PARKER
Assessors.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The cemetery commissioners of Northfield can report that the several cemeteries have been cared for during the past year.

The repair and painting of the Mt. Hermon fence has not been completed as we were unable to secure help to do the work.

Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Interest fund	273.96	
		$ 873.96
OK'd bills for the care of the cemeteries		873.49
Balance		$ .47

Mt. Hermon Fence Repairs

Fence appropriation		$ 200.00
Paid for labor and material		133.70
Unexpended credit	Balance	$ 66.30

Work not completed but under construction.

Received for the care of the Spofford lot Center Cemetery	$ 4.06
Labor and Material	$ 4.06

Cash Received for Sale of Lots and Care

Name	Lot No.	Cemetery	Page	Price
Laura J. Chickering	39½	Center	351	$ 15.00
Mary A. Bardwel Estate	A8	Center	352	35.00
Cullen and Pennock	215½	W. Northfield	353	$15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Dowd	205	Center	354	1.00
Charles Mayberry	16	Mt. Hermon	355	25.00
Leon I. Taber	12	Mt. Hermon	356	25.00
Gertrude Delaney Potts	40	Center	357	25.00
Bronson & Harriot	A16	Center	358	33.00
Griggs & Newton	213 216	W. Northfield	359	50.00
Ambert G. Moody	A22 A30 A31	Center	360	1.00
George W. Moody	A24	Center	361	1.00
George W. Loos	A23	Center	362	1.00
A. Gordon Moody	A28	Center	363	1.00
Julia M. Murriman	A25	Center	364	1.00
Mrs. Marian Marcelles	A29	Center	365	1.00
Emily Chadwick	A35	Center	366	1.00
Fred Hale lot account				25.00
Received for care of Holton lot Mt. Hermon Cemetery				5.00
				$ 261.00
Paid to the Town of Northfield				261.00

GEORGE N. KIDDER
CARLTON W. HOLTON
JOSEPH J. BARTUS
Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE

Town Clerk

1944

VITAL STATISTICS

It is extremely important that the **Vital Statistics** record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

Births in 1944

Date	Name	Parents
Feb. 12	McKiernan, Kevin Barry	John F. and Jeannette L.
16	Browning, James Robert	Homer F., Jr., and Ethel R.
27	Stillborn	
Mar. 25	Miller, Kenneth Lee	Kenneth L. and Velma I.
Apr. 23	Kavanaugh, Patricia Eileen	Philip L. and Helen E.
27	Paradis, Anne Marjorie	Emile A. and June M.
28	Cembalisty, James Lee	Albert L. and Ruth M.
May 3	Huber, Ronald Alden	William C. and Catherine C.
23	Jordan, Ronald James	Paul G. and Annette C.
24	Wright, Raymond Wendell	Mark L. and Mildred M.
June 5	Quinlan, Kathryn	Raymond J. and Mary Elizabeth
7	Dzeima, Walter Michael	Joseph and Thelma B.
10	Stevens, Delight Elaine	Etna W. and Enide E.
14	Dean, Russell Frederick	Frank Wilton and Marion E.
16	Schryba, Patricia Ann	Stephen and Mary E.
20	Kugler, Eugene Stanley	Anthony A. and Jean B.
25	Walker Douglas Milton	William Cottle and Florence
July 10	Letwinsky, Kathleen Ann	Joseph and Katherine A.
14	LaBelle, Gerry Eugene	Alfred O. and Bernice F.
24	Holton, Frederick Ian	Philip C. and Georgia F.
Aug. 1	Gillison, Leonard William	Leonard W. and Ruth M.
17	Mayberry, Jonathon Gordon	Paul M. and Elizabeth G.

Sept. 3	Czernich, Walter Paul, Jr.	Walter P. and Josephine A.
18	Morey, Charles John	Willard A. and Charlotte G.
Oct. 2	Leonard, Gail Morgan	George M. and Esther M.
4	Fisher, Grace Elizabeth	John R. and Faith M.
27	Hutchinson, Ethel May	Arthur W. and Inez E.
28	Wabeke, Elizabeth Henriette	Bertus H. and Emily R.
Nov. 2	Messier, Charlene Roberta	Charles W. and Phyllis G.
13	Fuller, Janice Eileen	Robert L. and Beverly
27	Marcy, Timothy Paul	Lawrence E. and Hazel F.

Marriages in 1944

Date	Name	Residence	Place of Marriage
Feb. 7	Schepp, Robert Hilbert	Hatfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
	Johnson, Grace Louise	Northfield, Mass.	
12	Newton, Fred Eugene	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Black, Alice Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
19	Witalisz, John Alexander	Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
	Yez, Sophie Mary	Erving, Mass.	
21	Taylor, Warren Milo	W. Brattleboro, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
	Laplante, Louise Hale	W. Brattleboro, Vt.	
Apr. 2	Randall, Robert Almond	Northfield, Mass.	East Boston, Mass.
	Butler, Marguerite	East Boston, Mass.	
8	Czernich, Walter Paul	Erving, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
	Sliwa, Josephine Ann	Northfield, Mass.	
May 1	Miller, Eugene Lucien	Northfield, Mass.	South Vernon, Vt.
	Allen, Mary Elizabeth	Gill, Mass.	
6	Kulis, Joseph Edward	Millers Falls, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
	Bartus, Victoria Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
13	Sullivan, Richard Vincent	Manitowoc, Wisc.	Northfield, Mass.
	Cromack, Yvette C. (Pine)	Greenfield, Mass.	
22	Terry, Carl Anthony, Sr.	Hyannis, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Zaglio, Adeline Louise	Bridgeport, Conn.	
June 18	Garello, Francis Andrew	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Nichols, Jane	Northfield, Mass.	
30	Finch, Carleton Kendrick	Northfield, Mass.	Arlington, Mass.
	Sinclair, Helen Arline	Arlington, Mass.	
July 19	Deane, Percy Raymond	Gill, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Field, Delphine Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
23	Kimball, Norma Denison	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
	Tenney, Hazel Cora	Northfield, Mass.	
29	Smith, Albert Ellsworth	Northfield, Mass.	Orange, Mass.
	Wood, Gladys May	Orange, Mass.	
31	Bernard, Leonard Ray	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Costello, Mary Josephine	Greenfield, Mass.	
Aug. 27	Whitmore, Kenneth Mack	Athol, Mass.	Orange, Mass.
	Smith, Hazel Louise	Northfield, Mass.	
Sept. 9	Hutchins, Charles Leroy	Westminster, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Hitchcock, Florence Belle (Thompson)	Westminster, Mass.	

Oct. 5	Carr, Gordon Elliott	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Spencer, Pauline Alexander	Northfield, Mass.	
6	Brotherson, Charles Edward	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Northfield, Mass.
	Arner, Helen Gertrude	Brooklyn, N. Y.	
7	Bolton, Kenneth Lewis	Northfield, Mass.	Deerfield, Mass.
	Schryba, Olga	Northfield, Mass.	
28	Holloway, Leonard Lee	Winchester, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
	Rounds, Beryl Ella	Brattleboro, Vt.	
Nov. 23	Chapin, Charles Edward	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
	Giebel, Jean Virginia	Northfield, Mass.	
Dec. 25	McNeil, Philip Rodgers	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
	Heald, Grace Emily (Huber)	Northfield, Mass.	
25	Smalley, George, Jr.	Northfield, Mass.	Winchester, N. H.
	Oliver, Elizabeth Helena	Winchester, N. H.	
29	Jeffrey, Merle	Walpole, N. H.	Northfield, Mass.
	Guest, Elaine	Walpole, N. H.	

Deaths in 1944

Date	Name	Age		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 4	Brown, George	83	6	23
Feb. 15	Kemp, Erlene Hall	7	1	18
17	Stratton, Clarence	83	10	15
27	Stillborn			
29	Harriman, Selah Foster	63	10	—
Mar. 5	Scoble, Mary Wojner	58	8	21
15	Lawrence, Susan Maria	86	4	9
18	Chamberlin, Effie Stearns	54	7	9
25	Chickering, Laurie Jeanette	80	4	23
27	Pigott, Margaret	86	—	—
Apr. 28	Nye, George Edward	82	—	1
May 4	Sauter, Nella Forence (Tibbetts)	61	3	9
9	Beecker, Antoinette Jacobi	81	2	15
18	Courser, Elizabeth B.	74	4	23
30	Stacy, Eva M. (Whitaker)	82	8	6
June 16	Abbott, Carol Ann	4	9	26
16	Farnum, Arthur H.	75	4	15
16	Anderson, George Fulton	56	10	11
24	Scott, Julia A.	93	9	—
July 14	Feary, Clara Louise (Noerzagt)	73	3	23
22	Canfield, Mary Frances	78	3	—
Aug. 23	Dow, Edna S.	87	—	—
Sept. 8	Benton, Sarah J.	78	5	1
9	Griggs, Clarence John	60	1	26
Oct. 21	Smith, Leonard Richard	92	11	19
21	Dwyer, Bertha A. (Levitt)	73	4	27
22	Phelps, Philip T.	81	10	4
Nov. 20	Slate, George Henry	69	3	16
22	Preston, Cora Bell (Holton)	88	—	25

Dog Licenses Issued in 1944

Male Dogs	162
Female (Spayed)	56
Female	26
Special Kennel	4
Total Licenses Issued	248

Sporting Licenses Issued in 1944

Resident Fishing	80
Resident Hunting	93
Resident Trapping	6
Resident Combination	74
Resident Combination (Free)	21
Resident Women's and Minor's Fishing	37
Special Fishing	9
Non-Resident Hunting	3
Non-Resident Fishing	8
Non-Resident Fishing (Minor)	0
Duplicates	4
Non-Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting	1
Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting (Free)	16
Resident Old Age Assistance Fishing (Free)	0
Total	352

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, Monday, February 7, 1944.

Article 1. Voted: To accept all reports as printed in the town report.

Article 2. Voted and chose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year with the following results:

Town Clerk, 1 year	Josephine S. Haskell	127
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	130
Selectmen, 1 year	George W. Carr	123
	Fred A. Holton	117
	F. Myron Dunnell	123
	Hermon B. Fisher	1
	James E. Dresser	1
Assessors, 3 years	Clifford A. Field	127
	Alfred Holton	1
Moderator, 1 year	William F. Hoehn	128
School Committee Member, 3 years	Irving J. Lawrence	128
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	George N. Kidder	125

Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year	Joseph J. Bartus	117
	Ernest Nash	1
	Murray Hammond	1
Library Trustees, 3 years	Mercy A. Brann	123
	Joseph W. Field	125
Tree Warden, 1 year	Dean W. Williams	132
	Frank Anderson	1
Tax Collector, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	128
Constables at large, 1 year	Harry M. Haskell	125
	Herman A. Miner	119
	Martin E. Vorce	123
Constable, resident Northfield Farms, 1 year	Murray M. Hammond	127

Article 3. Voted: To authrize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944.

Article 4. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $50 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 5. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $75 to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees.

Article 6. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $2,971.56 for lighting the streets.

Article 7. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $100 for tools for highway work.

Article 8. Voted: To raise and appropriate the following amounts to defray town charges for the ensuing year:

For:	
Schools	$37,500.00
Treasurer's Salary	600.00
Treasurer's Expense Account	100.00
Bridges	600.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200.00
Alexander Hall	150.00
Inspector of Animals	125.00
Fire Department	1,700.00
Maintenance of Water Holes	100.00
Department of Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense Account	40.00
Selectmen's Salary	600.00
Selectmen's Expense Account	100.00
Road Machinery Fund (Transferred from Machinery Act)	1,800.00

Old Age Assistance	16,000.00
($8,000.00 transferred from Surplus Revenue Account)	
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00
School Committee Salary	150.00
Inspection Meat and Slaughtering	150.00
Elections and Registrations	500.00
Fire and Casualty Insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	150.00
Accountant's Salary	600.00
Accountant's Expense Account	35.00
Assessors' Salaries	600.00
Assessors' Expense Account	50.00
Town Hall Care	1,600.00
Public Health	250.00
Interest Account	600.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town Clock and Fountain	120.00
Town Reports	300.00
Bonds and Damages	400.00
Snow Removal	3,500.00

Article 9. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sums of $400.00 for salary, and $100.00 for expense account for the Tax Collector.

Article 10. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 which shall include the dog tax refund and fines and fees, for the maintenance of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 11. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $825.00 to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth.

Article 12. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $1,400.00 for Salary, and $50.00 for Expense Account for a Community Nurse.

Article 13. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 to be used in putting up railing.

Article 14. Voted: To appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 from Surplus Revenue to pay the note due on the new Grade School building debt.

Article 15. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries.

Voted: To take up Article 37 in conjunction with Article 16.

Articles 16 and 37. Voted: That the sum of $4,063.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of $8,126.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 17. Voted: To empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town.

Article 18. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to cooperate with the State and County in maintaining our Chapter 90 roads.

Article 19. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for Memorial Day Exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion.

Article 20. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 to be left with the Selectmen for the care of the Athletic Field.

Article 21. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to close and clean up the dump near the F. A. Davis place, and arrange for a new dump according to the suggestion of Mr. Davis, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $200 for that purpose.

Article 22. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for salary for same, in accordance with Sec. 4a Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 23. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for Constable's pay.

Article 24. Voted: To accept the report of the Hydrant Committee and that the Hydrant Service Committee continue and make a further study of the Hydrant Service charges made by a representative number of towns similar to Northfield, and that this comparison of hydrant charges in writing be submitted at a future town meeting.

Article 25. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for Hydrant Service for 15 hydrants, to be paid to the Northfield Water Company, for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection; the service to include providing water for extinguishing fires, and to maintain the property, painting the hydrants, flushing of same and clearing of snow making them easily accessible.

Article 26. Voted: To appropriate from Overlay Reserve Fund the sum of $1,900.00 for a reserve fund for the current year.

Article 27. Voted: To accept a tract of land, Lot No. 8, in the addition south of the Center Cemetery, from Ambert G. Moody and instruct the Cemetery Commissioners to issue Cemetery deeds to such persons for such lots as are indicated on a plan filed with the deed.

Article 28. Voted: To accept from the American Youths Hostels, Inc., the sum of $150.00 the same to be added by the Assessors to Estimated Receipts and Available Funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 29. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles.

Article 30. Voted: To accept from Mary V. H. Slade the sum of $100.00, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of the George Hastings and Dr. Stratton-White lot in the Center Cemetery.

Article 31. Voted: To accept the sum of $100.00 from Retta R. Barrett, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of Lot No. 119½ in the Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 32. Voted: To appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of building a room adjoining the room now occupied by the American Legion in the Town Hall; and for making alterations for its quarters, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Articl 33. Voted: To appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of $10,000.00 for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, in order to establish a postwar rehabilitation fund; in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943.

Article 34. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for forest patrol. (Counted vote—Yes, 11; No, 9.)

Article 35. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for defense purposes in connection with Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety.

Article 36. Voted: To appropriate $200.00 from the Cemetery Lot Fund to repair or build a new fence and paint same at the Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Article 37. See Article 16.

Article 38. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for Ration Board Maintenance.

Article 39. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 to oil the new roadway about the school buildings.

Article 40. Voted: To appropriate the sum of $845.00 from Surplus Revenue for the 1943-44 fuel for school buildings.

Article 41. Voted: To accept the sum of $100.00 for Myrtle E. Clapp, the interest to be used for the perpetual care of Lot No. 43 in the Northfield Farms Cemetery.

After the reading of the warrant by the clerk, Rev. Edw. C. Dahl of the Trinitarian Congregational Church gave the invocation.

At 12 o'clock noon the Moderator declared a recess from 12 to 1:15 P. M. for lunch; and from 1:15 to 2 P. M. for the dedication of the Honor Roll.

After the dedication the townsfolks assembled and the following interesting reports were given:

By Mr. L. O. Clapp a report of the Salvage Committee which turned into the town the net proceeds of $494.36.

Mr. George McEwan gave a report of the year's work of the Civilian Defense organization.

Mr. Charles L. Johnson gave a report of the Rationing Board and War Price Panel for the past year.

Miss Elsie S. Scott, President, gave a report of the Northfield Historical Society.

These reports were placed on file.

Attest:

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, November 7, 1944.

Article 1. Voted: To appropriate from the Excess and Deficiency Account and transfer to the Old Age Assistance Account the sum of $1,500.00.

Article 2.Voted: To accept the sum of two hundred dollars, in trust; one half of the income to be used for the care of George E. Nye Cemetery lot; and one half of said income to be used for the care of the Artemas Nye and Marshall Nye burial lot.

Article 3. Voted: To accept the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars from the Dorothy I. Bruce Estate, the income from the same to be used on plot No. A13½ in Center Cemetery.

Article 4. Voted: To accept the sum of one hundred dollars, the interest from the same to be used for perpetual care of John F. Rice lot in Center Cemetery.

Article 5. Voted: To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen upon receipt of proper indemnification, to issue a duplicate note to replace the note #108 of the Town of Northfield, Coupon note 1% due September 1946; which note has become lost, mislaid or destroyed by Milford Savings Bank of Milford, Massachusetts, the holder thereof.

Attest:

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

Jury List 1944

Anderson, Albert J.
Barber, Luman A.
Billings, Glenn C.
Bolton, Clifford L.
Brown, John K.
Buffum, Gordon C.
Carr, George W.
Cembalisty, Albert
Clark, Ernest A.
Dalton, William H.
Dunnell, Leon H.
Fisher, Hermon B.
Forsaith, Ralph M.
Gibson, Ralph V.
Gingras, Harry L.
Greenwood, Roger M.
Hammond, Laurence M.
Johnson, Charles L.
Lanphaer, Leonard N.
Lawrence, Charles
Lilly, Earl
Mayberry, Paul M.
McEwan, George
Moody, A. Gordon
Powell, Edward M.
Reed, Francis B.
Smoley, Stanley J.
Ware, Verne C.
Williams, Dean W.

REPORT OF

War Price and Rationing Board

While the Northfield War Price and Rationing Board #229 is not strictly a Town Department, nevertheless it has concientiously served this community since the need for Price Administration arose and boards were formed in January, 1942, and as a reference for future historians a report on its activities should not be amiss.

The year of 1944 has seen the issuance to Northfield citizens of the following totals of the more important rationed commodities: A books, 593; supplementary, special, non-highway and transport gas, 353,609 gallons; fuel oil, 453,630 gallons; passenger tires, 450; truck tires, 124; rubber boots, 38 pairs; stoves, 31; canning sugar, 26,660 pounds or 13⅓ tons.

The appropriation of $125.00 has covered office supplies and the salary of Mrs. Robert D. Abbott, who was hired as part-time clerk on October 19th, when the OPA appropriations would no longer cover the salary of a part-time clerk under Civil Service.

With the close of the third year of rationing the growing importance of price control work has been recognized, and much credit must be given to the merchants of the town who have shown such cooperation in keeping prices at or below ceiling levels.

The names of the present active members of the Ration Board, that group of unpaid, patriotic citizens who have given their time and efforts so unselfishly in the administering of this war-time program, are as follows:

Charles L. Johnson, Chairman of the Board, served 36 months with 100% attendance.

Dr. Richard G. Holton, Chairman of Fuel Panel, served 36 months.

Dr. William E. Park, fuel oil panel, served 24 months.

George McEwan, Chairman of mileage panel, served 19 months.

Carl L. Mason, mileage panel, served 20 months.

Albert J. Anderson, Chairman of Price Panel, served 9 months.

A. Gordon Moody, Chairman of Foods Panel, served 9 months.

Louis Abbey, Community Service, served 7 months.

Mrs. David Hammond, price panel member, served 6 months.

Mrs. Alfred Holton, price panel member, served 6 months.

Mrs. Stanley Bistrek, who served 11 months as price panel member, resigned on November 25.

Mrs. Willis Parker, who served 13½ months as part-time clerk under Civil Service, resigned September 1.

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY H. KEHL, Clerk of Board.

REPORT OF
FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

During the year 1944 the Fire Department answered 33 calls, 4 of which were buildings, 18 chimneys, 11 grass, brush and small fires.

We have been presented with a boat from a friend and paint for same from another, which now is fully equipped with grapple irons for emergency work. We have reorganized our first aid under the supervision of Eugene Cullum, hoping to be of more service to the community should occasion require.

I wish to thank all those who complied with the law to obtain permits for open fire which not only helps to save property but also saves expense to the taxpayer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. JOHNSON,

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden.

REPORT OF THE

Public Health Nurse

A report of the work of the Public Health Nurse from January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945.

Mrs. Dean Williams carried on from January 1, 1944 until October 1, 1944 and reports the usual work was done. Fees collected were $83.50.

At the Diphtheria Clinic, held in April, 28 children were immunized against the disease.

The Well-Child Conference and pre-school registration were held at the same time at Center School in June. Dr. Olsen of Colrain did the examining. A great deal of follow-up was done. Several trips were made to the Chest and Pediatric Clinics at the Franklin County Public Hospital. One patient was taken to Millers Falls.

October 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945

Morbidity—Chronic cases: New 13, Carried over 15, Visits 109. Acute: Cases 18, Visits 99.

MaternityAntepartum: Cases 3, Visits 5; Newborn: Cases 5, Visits 24.

Health Supervision—Infant: Cases 6, Visits 18. Adult: Cases 5, Visits 11, Tuberculosis 2.

Fees collected for the three months were $91.50.

One pupil was fitted to glasses with money from one of our town funds.

Mrs. Charles Dickerson's Home Nursing group of which Mrs. W. D. Miller is chairman has contributed money for obtaining two rubber sheets and two pads which will replace those that came with the two hospital beds owned by the town.

The Fortnightly have contributed $10.00 and the Northfield Health Council $4.00 for the purchase of Cod-Liver Oil capsules.

With proceeds from the Belcher Fund arrangements are being made for obtaining a set of dental plates for one mother.

The Northfield Health Council is continuing to assist with hot lunches for the children who need them, and they are also

making a complete inventory and renovating articles that need attention of the loan closet. All articles will be marked with "Town of Northfield." The nurse and Health Council will have a list of all articles for loan.

During the latter part of January, Public Health Nursing Day is being observed throughout the nation. We feel sure that because of the work of all former district nurses in this town the townspeople will wish to stop a moment and think of their value to this community. I know all will want to support the new nurse as she begins her work here.

I wish to thank the Selectmen for the opportunity to carry on again the work here for this short period. It has been a joy and a privilege, and I also want to thank all who have in any way helped me in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

EUPHRASIA PURRINGTON, R.N.

Town Histories

Sale of three Books	$15.00
Payment to Town Treasurer	$15.00
Presented to High School Graduates, Class 1944	15 copies

CHARLES C. STEARNS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE

Welfare Department

Year 1944

Number of General Relief Cases	15
Number of Soldiers' Relief Cases	3
Number of Aid to Dependent Children	5

Old Age Assistance

Number of Recipients, January 1, 1944	54
Cases received during the year	7
Cases closed during year	9
Number of Recipients, December 31, 1944	52

General Relief

Appropriation	$ 5,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	450.00	
		$ 5,450.00

Payments

Cash Payments	$ 1,434.16
Mrs. D. C. Donahue	295.19
The Northfield	176.00
F. M. Dunnell	133.20
F. A. Irish	377.77
Dr. F. W. Dean	150.25
Northfield Pharmacy	209.37
Barber's I.G.A. Store	199.82
Morgan's I.G.A. Store	25.57
Drs. Hazen and Little	6.00
A. D. Flagg	10.00
Tenney Farms	257.67
Dr. W. J. Pelletier	364.00
The A. & P. Tea Co.	395.59
Dr. H. A. Rye	10.00
Dr. L. H. Mendelson	19.75
Cooley Dickinson Hospital	24.50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	1.10
Bronson Inn	2.00
City of Boston	60.25
T. J. Russell	95.11
H. E. Hamilton Co.	21.00
John Wilson Co.	55.04

Evans Brothers	21.00	
M. M. Hammond	12.00	
J. C. Penney Co.	95.56	
H. L. Laplante	24.73	
W. J. and G. T. Young	58.92	
Dr. F. A. M. Milkey	30.00	
Roy Lanphear	12.00	
R. O. Leach	15.00	
Farren Memorial Hospital	221.38	
Dr. W. O. Wilder	25.00	
George O. Dunnell	32.37	
Avery's Store	49.14	
Otis Fisher	15.00	
Judith M. Haynes	4.00	
City of Holyoke	304.28	
C. E. McCarthy	100.00	
Dr. Hubbard	6.00	
	5,349.72	
Unexpended balance	100.28	
		$ 5,450.00

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Payments		
H. L. Laplante	$ 104.96	
Tenney Farms, Inc.	101.92	
Dr. F. W. Dean	10.00	
J. H. Ward	64.97	
Northfield Washed Sand Co.	15.00	
Dave Solomon	105.09	
The Northfield	2.29	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	1.70	
Dr. E. C. Thorn	5.00	
	410.93	
Unexpended Balance	789.07	
		$ 1,200.00

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	$ 1,000.00	
Balance from 1943, U. S. Grant	117.91	
U. S. Grant 1943	617.00	
		$ 1,734.91
Payments		
Cash	$ 1,614.40	
Unexpended Balance	120.51	
		$ 1,734.91

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	$16,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,500.00	
U. S. Grant 1943	11,893.41	
		$29,393.41

Payments

Cash	$28,014.01	
Town of Orange	32.56	
Town of Wakefield	40.00	
Town of Bernardston	175.79	
Town of Montague	296.45	
Town of Greenfield	9.38	
City of Boston	73.60	
	28,641.97	
Unexpended Balance	751.62	
		$29,393.41

GEORGE W. CARR,

Chairman Board of Public Welfare.

MARTHA W. ALEXANDER FUND

This fund is invested as follows:

Franklin Savings Institution	$ 4,200.00
Springfield Institution for Savings	1,000.00
Crocker Institution for Savings	825.00
Greenfield Savings Bank	1,500.00
Orange Savings Bank	1,000.00
	$ 8,525.00

Unexpended balance from last year	$ 150.35	
Received interest for year	166.30	
		$ 316.65
Disbursements	$ 120.00	
Bank charges	.97	
Unexpended balance	195.68	
		$ 316.65

FRANK H. MONTAGUE
CHARLES L. GILBERT
CHARLES C. STEARNS

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE

Finance Committee

During the past year the Finance Committee have held four most important meetings to consider transfer of funds and other items of business.

At its last meeting held January 17 at the Town Hall the appropriations for the year were considered carefully with representatives of boards, departments and town officials who are responsible for budget sums and the recommendations of the committee are printed in connection with the articles in the Warrant.

The Committee recommends an appropriation from Surplus Revenue for the current year of $18,000 to reduce taxation. The Committee also recommends an appropriation of $1,900 from the Overlay Reserve Fund for a Reserve Fund for the current year.

The Committee have given diligent consideration to every article calling for an appropriation and trusts its decision will meet with the voters' approval.

Respectfully,

A. GORDON MOODY, Chairman
FRANK W. WILLIAMS
ROSS L. SPENCER
L. PERCY GOODSPEED
RICHARD G. HOLTON
HELEN E. McNEIL

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the **Town of Northfield** in the County of Franklin. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on February 5th, 1945 at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year; one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one Library Trustee for one year to fill vacancy, one School Committee member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Tree Warden for on year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms. The polls may close at FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945.

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of $50 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $50.

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $150.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $2,971.56.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $100.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend the following appropriations:

Schools	40,500	Bonds and Damages	400
Treasurer	600	Fire Department	1,700
Treasurer's Expenses %	100	Maintenance Water Holes	125
Bridges	500	Dept. Public Welfare	5,000
Soldiers' Relief	1,200	Aid to Dependent	
Alexander Hall	150	Children	3,500
Inspection of Animals	100	Town Clerk	250
Selectmen's Salary	600	Town Clerk's Expense %	40
Selectmen's Expense %	100	Elections	400
Road Machinery Fund	1,800	Fire and Casualty	1,200
(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)		Sealer	150
Old Age Assistance	19,000	Accountant's Salary	600
Public Welfare Clerk	150	Accountant's Expense %	35
School Committee Salary	150	Assessors	600
Inspection of Meat and		Assessor's Expense %	75
Slaughtering	200	Town Hall Care	1,600
Public Health	250	Interest Account	500
Moderator and Counsel	250	Town Clock and Fountain	120
Town Reports	300	Snow Removal	4,000

Article 9. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $400 and $100 expense %.

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for care and maintenance of the Dickinson Me-

morial Library, which amount includes the Dog Tax, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $2,500.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $825.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of a Community Nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $1,910 and expense % $50.

Article 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $300.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $4,500.

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $600.

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $4063 and balance from available funds.

Article 17. To see if the town will empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town, or act thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to cooperate with the State and County in maintaining our Chapter 90 roads, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $500.

Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $125.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to elect or appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the athletic fields and playgrounds in the town, to serve one year without pay, and to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Athletic Field.

The Finance Committee recommend $175.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to grade and improve land around the Town Hall and build a parking lot in the rear of the Town Hall on land owned by the town, raise and appropriate a sum of money for this purpose, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $300.

Article 22. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be $300, in accordance with Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend $300.

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $200.

Article 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to the worthless real estate mortgage deed as a $1,000.00 investment of the Belcher Center Cemetery Fund, and raise and appropriate any money or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $1,000.

Article 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Hydrant Service for 15 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection or act thereo.

The Finance Committee recommend $400.

Article 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $1,900 from overlay fund.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to take care of the drainage of water on Warwick Ave., between St. Mary's St. and Birnam Road, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $400.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of $150.00, the same to be added by the Assessors to Estimated Receipts and Available Funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosre costs on tax titles, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $50.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to drain a part or whole of the road between the Railroad track and Ernest Whitney's, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $500 to start the work.

Article 31. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for defense purposes in connection with the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, or act thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Ration Board Maintenance.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of $18,000.00 from surplus revenue to reduce the tax rate.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6 and the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

FRED A. HOLTON
GEORGE W. CARR
F. MYRON DUNNELL
Selectmen of Northfield

HENRY F. LONG
COMMISSIONER

THEODORE N. WADDELL
DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Division of Accounts
State House, Boston

January 18, 1945.

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Fred A. Holton, Chairman
Northfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1944, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds, or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the books of the town accountant and treasurer.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined in detail. The receipts as recorded were analyzed and compared with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursements of town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on December 31, 1944, was proved by actual count of the cash on hand and by reconciliation oft he bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled notes on file. The balance on deposit for the payment of outstanding interest coupons was reconciled.

At a special town meeting held on November 7, 1944, authorization was given for the issuance of a duplicate note to take the place of note #108 for $500 due September 1, 1946, which was lost by the owner; but up to the audit date this note had not been issued.

The tax title deeds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the tax title register and with the books of the tax collector and the town accountant, and the amounts received on account of redemptions and sales were verified.

The records pertaining to tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The records of charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were checked with the payrolls of the highway department. The recorded charges were listed and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The securities, including savings bank books representing the investment of trust funds in the custody of the treasurer and selectmen, were inspected and listed. The income was proved, while the beqests and withdrawals were checked and verified. It was noted that the $1,000 mortgage held as part of the investment of the Belcher Center Cemetery Fund is considered worthless, and it is recommended that action be taken to restore the fund to the original principal.

The record of payroll deductions on account of federal withholding taxes were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the Federal depository were vrified, and checked to the Selectmen's warrants and to the town accountant's ledger account.

It is recommended that standard payroll sheets be used by all departments in order that the amounts withheld for federal taxes may be properly shown thereon.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's record of receipts, while the recorded payments were checked with the selectmn's warrants and with the treasurer's books.

The appropriations as listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings were checked with the ledger appropriation accounts, while all other ledger accounts were checked with information in the departments in which the transactions originated. The transfers from the reserve fund were compared with authorizations for transfers given by the finance committee. The ledger was analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and after the necessary adjusting and correcting entries resulting from the audit had been made, a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1944.

The balance sheet shows that the town is in very good financial condition.

The records of licenses granted by the selectmen and issued by the town clerk were examined and checked, and the payments to th treasurer were verified.

Th books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts otstanding according to the previous examination, and all sdbseqent commitment lists of poll, personal, real estate and motor vehicle excise taxes were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants committing them for collection. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatments were checked to the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified. The outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. Among the replies received was one claiming a payment of $12.60 on 1944 personal taxes. This claim was acknowledged by the tax collector and entered on January 12, 1945. From the remaining replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial transactions of the town clerk relative to dog and sporting licenses issued were examined and checked, and the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified.

The appropriations as voted by the town and recorded in the town clerk's secord of town meetings were checked with the amount used by the assessors in the determination of the 1944 tax rate.

The books and accounts of the trustees of the Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund were examined and checked. The savings bank books representing the investments of the fund were listed, the income was proved, and the withdrawals were verified. The payments were checked with the cancelled checks on file, and the cash balance was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were checked with the record of work done, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed.

The records of the cemetery department for the sale and care of lots were examined and checked. The sales of lots were checked to the deed record book and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the health department on account of pasteurization licenses were checked and the payments to the treasurer were vertified.

The recorded receipts of the community nurse were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of receipts at the Dickinson Library were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand January 8, 1945, was proved by actual count.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare and school departments were examined. The departmental records were analyzed, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the disallowances were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the town accountant's ledger accounts.

Attention is again called to outstanding school transportation charges for 1942, 1943, and 1944. These charges are for transportation of out-of-town pupils, and it is recommended that action be taken to collect these bills; but if they are found to be uncollectible, they should be written off.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment accounts.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1944, per previous aduit		$ 52,101.49	
Reecipts		140,819.42	
			$192,920.91
Payments		$144,101.80	
Balance December 31, 1944:			
Franklin County Trust Company	$47,279.73		
Cash in office, verified	1,539.38		
		$ 48,819.11	
			$192,920.91

FRANKLIN COUNTY TRUST COMPANY OF GREENFIELD

Balance December 31, 1944, per statement		$55,498.24
Balance December 31, 1944, per check book	$47,279.73	
Outstanding checks December 31, 1944, per list,	8,218.51	
		$55,498.24

FEDERAL TAX

Payroll Deductions

Balance January 1, 1944, per previous audit		$ 720.40	
Payroll deductions 1944		2,974.30	
			$ 3,694.70
Payments 1944:			
Federal depository	$ 1,871.10		
Collector of Internal Revenue	1,546.60		
		$ 3,417.70	
Balance December 31, 1944		277.00	
			$ 3,694.70

TAXES—1942

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit		$ 6,345.83	
Audit adjustments:			
Reported as taxes 1942:			
Interest	$ .05		
Collector's costs	.35		
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1944	5.00		
		5.40	
			$ 6,351.23
Payments to treasurer		$ 6,216.33	
Abatements		22.80	
Tax titles taken		57.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list		55.10	
			$ 6,351.23

TAXES—1943

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit,	$12,177.05	
Abatement after payment, refunded	3.60	
		$12,180.65
Payments to treasurer	$7,102.33	
Abatements	9.40	
Tax titles taken	55.98	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	5,012.94	
		$12,180.65

TAXES—1944

Commitment per warrants	$67,613.70		
Additional commitment, per warrants	12.00		
		$67,625.70	
Abatements after payment:			
Refunded 1944		35.72	
To be refunded		13.83	
			$67,675.25
Payments to treasurer		$55,862.88	
Abatements		1,047.39	
Added to tax titles		185.74	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list,		10,579.24	
			$67,675.25

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1943

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit	$ 88.90	
Additional commitment per warrant	6.00	
		$ 94.90
Payments to treasurer 1944	$ 91.24	
Abatements 1944	3.66	
		$ 94.90

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1944

Commitment per warrants	$ 2,721.78	
Abatements after payment, refunded	2.13	
		$ 2,723.91
Payments to treasurer	$ 2,499.40	
Abatements	40.96	
Audit adjustments:		
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1944 entered as taxes 1942	5.00	
Error in entering abatements	.10	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	178.45	
		$ 2,723.91

TIMBER SALVAGE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit:		
Levy of 1940	$ 1,109.33	
Levy of 1941	1,239.84	
Levy of 1942	1,239.84	
		$ 3,589.01
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list		$ 3,589.01

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

Collection 1944:			
Interest:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1942	$ 436.88		
Levy of 1943	173.70		
Levy of 1944	23.39		
		$ 632.97	
Motor vehicle excise taxes:			
Levy of 1943	$ 1.02		
Levy of 1944	1.34		
		$ 2.36	
Costs:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1942	$ 16.40		
Levy of 1943	10.65		
Levy of 1944	4.90		
		$ 31.95	
Motor vehicle excise taxes:			
Levy of 1943		8.00	
			$ 675.28
Payments to treasurer 1944:			
Interest		$ 635.28	
Costs		39.60	
Reported as taxes 1942:			
Interest	$ .05		
Costs	.35		
		$ .40	
			$ 675.28

TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1944, per previous audit		$ 1,187.08	
Tax titles taken:			
Taxes 1942	$ 57.00		
Taxes 1943	55.98		
Added to tax titles:			
Taxes 1944	185.74		
		298.72	

Interest and costs on tax titles taken		18.03	
Audit adjustments:			
Cost of preparing and recording deeds not reported,	15.00		
Redemption interest and costs reported as tax title redemptions	13.70		
		$ 27.70	
			$ 1,532.53
Tax titles redeemed 1944		$ 527.53	
Balance December 31, 1944, per list		1,005.00	
			$ 1,532.53

TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance January 1, 1944, per previous audit	$ 417.66
Balance December 31 ,1944, per list	$ 417.66

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

Issued by Town Clerk

Licenses issued 1944:			
Pistol		$ 11.00	
Milk		3.50	
Oleomargarine		2.50	
Common Victualler		5.00	
Innholder		6.00	
Denatured alcohol		1.00	
Auctioneer		2.00	
Gasoline registrations		24.00	
			$ 55.00
Payments to treasurer 1944			$ 55.00

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued 1944:			
Males	162 @ $2.00	$ 324.00	
Females	26 @ 5.00	130.00	
Spayed females	56 @ 2.00	112.00	
Kennel	4 @ 10.00	40.00	
			$ 606.00
Payments to treasurer		$ 554.60	
Fees retained, 248 @ $ .20		49.60	
Overpayment to treasurer 1943, adjusted		1.80	
			$ 606.00

Sporting Licenses

Licenses issued 1944:			
Resident citizens' fishing	80 @ $2.00	$ 160.00	
Resident citizens' hunting	93 @ 2.00	186.00	
Resident citizens' sporting	74 @ 3.25	240.50	
Resident citizen minors' and females' fishing	37 @ 1.25	46.25	
Resident citizens' trapping	6 @ 5.25	31.50	
Special non-resident citizens' fishing	9 @ 1.50	13.50	
Non-resident citizens' fishing	8 @ 5.25	42.00	
Non-resident citizens' hunting	3 @ 10.25	30.75	
Military or naval sporting	1 @ 2.00	2.00	
Duplicates	4 @ .50	2.00	
			$ 754.50
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game		$ 676.75	
Fees retained 1944	311 @ $ .25	77.75	
			$ 754.50

TOWN HISTORIANS

Collections 1944:		
Sale of books	3 @ $5.00	$ 15.00
Payments to treasurer 1944		$ 15.00

TOWN HALL RENTALS

Collections 1944	$ 332.00
Payments to treasurer 1944	$ 332.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash on hand January 1, 1944, per previous audit	$ .10	
Sealer's fees 1944	49.99	
		$ 50.09
Payments to treasurer 1944	$ 48.91	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	1.18	
		$ 50.09

HEALTH LICENSES

Licenses issued 1944:		
Pasteurization	2 @ $10.00	$ 20.00
Payments to treasurer 1944		$ 20.00

COMMUNITY NURSE

Fees collected 1944		$ 176.00
Payments to treasurer 1944	$ 137.50	
Cash on hand December 31, 1944	38.50*	
		$ 176.00

*Paid to treasurer January 2, 1945.

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Temporary Aid—Accounts Receivable

Charges 1944		$ 651.22
Payments to treasurer 1944	$ 594.53	
Audit adjustment:		
Disallowances not reported	56.69	
		$ 651.22

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Accounts Receivable

Charges 1944	$ 413.42
Payments to treasurer 1944	$ 413.42

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit	$ 33.33	
Charges	10,984.10	
		$11,017.43
Payments to treasurer	$10,775.94	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	241.49	
		$11,017.43

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit	$ 171.00	
Charges	303.70	
Audit adjustment:		
Charges not reported	13.50	
		$ 488.20
Payments to treasurer	$ 270.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, per list	218.00	
		$ 488.20

LIBRARY

Cash on hand January 1, 1944, per previous audit	$ 3.24	
Fines	65.30	
		$ 68.54
Payments to treasurer 1944		$ 68.54
Fines January 1 to 8, 1945		$ 7.19
Cash on hand January 8, 1945, verified		$ 7.19

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Outstanding January 1, 1944, per previous audit	$ 25.00	
Charges 1944:		
Sale of cemetery lots	231.00	
Receipts 1944:		
Care of lots	5.00	
Perpetual care income	4.06	
		$ 265.06
Payments to treasurer 1944:		
Sale of cemetery lots	$ 256.00	
Care of lots	5.00	
Expenditures by commissioners—care of lot	4.06	
		$ 265.06

ELISHA ALEXANDER CHARITY FUND

In Custody of Selectmen

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$2,020.00	$ 2,020.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$2,,020.00	$ 2,020.00

Receipts		Payments	
1944			
Income	$ 40.40	Transfer to town	$ 40.40

MARTHA W. ALEXANDER FUND

In Custody of Trustee

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$150.35	$ 8,525.00	$ 8,675.35
On han dat end of year 1944	$195.68	$ 8,525.00	$ 8,720.68

Receipts		Payments	
1944			
Income	$166.30	Aid to poor	$120.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1944	150.35	Bank charges	.97
		Cash on hand December 31, 1944	195.68
	$316.65		$316.65

LOTTIE EVANS CHARITY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$ 697.64	$ 697.64
On hand at end of year 1944	$ 711.65	$ 711.65

Receipts		Payments	
1944			
Income	$ 14.01	Added to savings deposits	$ 14.01

GEORGE F. MORGAN CHARITY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Receipts		Payments	
1944			
Income	$ 60.30	Transfer to town	$ 60.30

SURPLUS REVENUE SCHOOL FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$1,600.00	$ 1,600.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$1,600.00	$ 1,600.00

Receipts		Payments	
1944			
Income	$ 32.16	Transfer to town	$ 32.16

BELCHER CENTER SCHOOL FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Deposits Savings	Par Value Securities	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$1,050.00	$ 200.00	$ 1,250.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$1,050.00	$ 200.00	$ 1,250.00

Receipts		Payments	
1944			
Income	$ 25.93	Transfer to town	$ 25.93

BELCHER LIBRARY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$9,439.01	$ 300.00	$ 9,739.01
On hand at end of year 1944	$9,439.01	$ 300.00	$ 9,739.01

Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	$196.76	Transfer to town	$196.76

CHARLES P. DICKINSON LIBRARY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$ 3,000	$ 3,000.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$ 3,000	$ 3,000.00

Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	$ 60.30	Transfer to town	$ 60.30

WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$3,470.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 7,470.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$3,470.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 7,470.00

Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	$239.74	Transfer to town	$239.74

J. W. COWLES CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	$ 40.20	Transfer to town	$ 40.20

BELCHER CENTER CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,000.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	$ 20.10	Transfer to town	$ 20.10

CALVIN STEARNS CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	$10.05	Transfer to town	$ 10.05

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$ 9,814.75	$ 9,814.75
On hand at end of year 1944	$10,164.75	$10,164.75

Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Bequests	$350.00	Added to savings deposits	$350.00
Income	197.62	Transfer to town	197.62
	$547.62		$547.62

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

In Custody of Selectmen

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	$ 303.00	$ 303.00
On hand at end of year 1944	$ 303.00	$ 303.00

Receipts		Payments	
	1944		
Income	$ 6.06	Transfer to town	$ 6.06

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Cash in General Treasury	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1944	—	—	—
On hand at end of year 1944	$ 154.53	$10,000.00	$10,154.53

Receipts		Payments	
1944			
Town appropriation	$10,000.00	Securities purchased	$10,000.00
Income	154.53	Cash in general treasury December 31, 1944	154.53
	$10,154.53		$10,154.53

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1944

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		$48,819.11
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1942	$ 55.10	
Levy of 1943	5,012.94	
Levy of 1944	10,565.41	
		15,633.45
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1944		178.45
Timber Salvage Taxes:		
Levy of 1940	$ 1,109.33	
Levy of 1941	1,239.84	
Levy of 1942	1,239.84	
		3,589.01
Tax Titles		1,005.00
Departmental:		
School Age Assistance	$ 241.49	
Schools	218.00	
		459.49
State Aid Highways		1,045.75

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Federal Tax—Payroll Deductions		$ 277.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		1,900.62
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,260.00
Tax Title Sale Excess—Section 79, Chapter 60		25.44
Trust Fund Income:		
George Morgan Charity Fund	$ 61.63	
Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	80.96	
Belcher Library Fund	14.04	
Dickinson Library Book Fund	9.56	
West Northfield Cemetery Fund	167.90	
Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	8.10	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	154.53	
		496.72
Tax Collector's Costs		34.00
Road Machinery Fund		8,675.52
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration	$143.98	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Assistance	5.41	
Administration	1.12	
		150.51

Tailings		20.33
Reserved for Unpaid 1944 Bills		5.00
Unexpended Balances:		
Plianting Trees	$121.34	
Alterations—American Legion Rooms	1,500.00	
Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fence	66.30	
		1,687.64
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		1,974.71
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1942	$ 49.70	
Levy of 1943	1,595.26	
Levy of 1944	1,365.05	
		3,010.01
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	$ 178.45	
Timber Salvage	3,589.01	
Tax Title	1,005.00	
Departmental	459.49	
State Aid to Highways	1,045.75	
		6,277.70
Surplus Revenue		44,935.06
		$70,730.26

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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$27,000.00	New School Building Loan	$27,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	$ 2,020.00
In Custody of Treasurer	$51,435.41	Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund	8,720.68
In Custody of Selectmen	2,323.00	Lottie Evans Charity Fund	711.65
In Custody of Trustees	8,720.68	George F. Morgan Charity Fund	3,000.00
		Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00
		Belcher Center School Fund	1,250.00
		Belcher Library Fund	9,739.01
		Charles P. Dickinson Library Fund	3,000.00
		West Northfield Cemetery Fund	7,470.00
		James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		Belchertown Center Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	500.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:	
		In Custody of Treasurer	10,164.75
		In Custody of Selectmen	303.00
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	10,000.00
	$62,479.09		$62,479.09

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